WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Increasing easterly winds; mostly cloudy, and colder, with sleet or snow.
Vancouver and Vicinity—Mostly cloudy, and colder, with sleet or snow.

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SUGGESTS KNIFE ON POLICE FORCE

Commissioner Believes Victoria Taxpayers Are Being Asked Too Much for Protection Provided

TABLES SUGGESTIONS FOR STAFF DECREASE

Would Place Ten Constables on Street Patrol Instead of the Present Twenty-Two—Chief Fry Objects to Cut

TOO much money is being spent by ratepayers of Victoria on their police department, according to a statement made at last night's meeting of the Police Commission by Commissioner Walter Staneland in a report made by him containing suggestions for curtailment of costs.

He had been a close student of police administration questions during his two years of office, he said, and from knowledge gained he believed the present staff of the department was too large. Victoria contained substantial detachments of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Provincial Police, and also secured protection from the fact that the city was partially surrounded by the municipalities of Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt, each containing efficient police departments.

The 1923 appropriation for the Victoria police department was $111,000, Commissioner Staneland pointed out, in comparison with the 1922 appropriation of $103,000, and $94,000 in 1921. He had made a list of suggestions for considerable reorganization in 1924 which would, he believed, call for an appropriation of approximately $72,000.

He thought police protection could be adequately provided in Victoria next year with a staff made up as follows: One chief constable; one deputy chief, who would also act as chief of detectives; one police inspector, who would also take charge of the traffic squad; three desk sergeants, eight plain-clothes men, six motorcycle men, three patrol drivers, one policewoman probationer, one police matron and one assistant police matron, ten uniformed constables; making a total of thirty-six members.

Chief Disagrees

Chief Fry, asked his opinion, stated that the department had at present twenty-two uniformed constables, and he did not think a decrease in that number was justified. From four to six calls for constables were received daily, he said, and must be attended to. Situations such as the present one caused by the longshoremen's strike required considerable attention, and such attention as well as street patrol work could not be adequately and efficiently given with but ten men.

"Commissioner Staneland's suggestions look well on paper, but they are not practicable," concluded the Chief.

Commissioner Staneland, in explaining his reorganization proposals, stated that he would eliminate the three street sergeants employed at present, but keep three desk sergeants. He would increase the present staff of three motorcycle constables to six, and leave the present staff of plain-clothes men practically unchanged. The decrease suggested would be practically confined to the uniformed street force and the street sergeants.

In connection with salaries, he was not in favor of decreasing present rates. He thought pay should be kept up and personnel cut down. In support of his argument he stated that from 1917 to 1919 the police department had cost $22,000 more in salaries.

On motion passed by the commission, Chief Fry was asked to submit a report to the next meeting of the commission advising as to the minimum number of men required to properly police the city.

Tentative Estimates

At the request of the chairman, Mayor Hayward, the police chief submitted a tentative estimate of moneys required during 1924. Commissioner Staneland recorded objection in several instances. An item of $600 for boots should be eliminated, he said. During a recent visit to police departments in eastern and western cities, he had not discovered one instance where police departments were providing free boots, and he did not think Victoria should. He also objected to the clothing estimate and an appropriation figure of $3,000 for secret service work.

Mayor Hayward explained that the figures were only tentative and that he had asked the chief to submit a list of everything he required and all moneys, believing that it would form the basis of a paring-down process. Speaking about the current year's expenses, the Mayor stated that a saving of over $5,000 would be made under the appropriation made at the beginning of the year. From figures secured on December 26, expenditure had totalled $103,645.92, and all December salaries had been paid. Commissioner Staneland contended that the favorable balance would be in the neighborhood of $6,500 at the end of the year, because there were charges connected with the transportation of prisoners, and other items, which had been debited against the police appropriation but which would be rebated by the Provincial government.

Amend Traffic By-Law

At the suggestion of Commissioner Staneland the City Council will be asked to amend the by-law governing

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Is Scene of Fierce Racial Disturbances

Street Scene in Bucharest, Roumania, Where Universities Have Been Closed.

Erik of Denmark Renounces Title and Right to Succession

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—It is officially announced that Prince Erik of Denmark, on the occasion of his bethrothal to Miss Lois Frances Booth, of Ottawa, renounced his right to succession to the throne and his title of Prince. King Christian, however, conferred on him the title of Count of Rothenbery.

DEPRECIATION DUE TO REPARATION FIASCO

French Minister of Finance States Finances and Trade Are in Good Shape Despite Franc's Fall

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The depreciation in the French exchange was blamed today by Minister of Finance M. Lasteyrie on Germany's failure to pay reparations, and "consequent evils." M. de Lasteyrie was replying in the Senate to questions regarding the financial situation.

The Minister said commerce and finances were in good shape, but nevertheless francs had been falling for three years. He concluded that the psychological reactions of world finance were unfavorable to France. He recalled that France this year had repaid to Spain 204,000,000 pesetas, the United States $13,000,000, and Japan 50,000,000 yen, but had to borrow for expenses chargeable to Germany. The franc, now at a record low point, was incompatable with a balanced budget, M. de Lasteyrie declared.

Rumors Are Calumnies

Rumors of inflation and stories of wastefulness in the devastated regions all were characterized by the Minister as calumnies. He regretted that inter-Allied debts were not settlad when the treaty of Versailles was signed. He deplored the effects of speculation, and assured the Senate that the law against the export of capital enabled the Government to act if necessary. The Minister expressed confidence that France by hard work and self-sacrifice would recuperate.

HUNT CONTINUES FOR DIRIGIBLE

French Airship Thought to Have Landed in Sahara Desert—Cavalry Patrols Searching

PARIS, Dec. 26.—No word yet from the missing dirigible Dixmude, which may still be in the air, after many days, or have effected a landing on some out-of-the-way place in Northern Africa, or in the Sahara desert. For several days now the airship wireless has been silenced and the great craft itself has vanished. The last communication from the airship was on December 21. She was then 200 miles from Bizerta. It is calculated that the Dixmude's store of gasoline might have been exhausted by December 23.

All reports that the dirigible had been observed over Tunisia recently having proved erroneous, the Ministry considers there is nothing to justify the belief that she was carried to sea.

Cavalry patrols were dispatched on Sunday to search Southern Algeria, and as soon as weather permitted airplanes from Algeria and Tunisia began a methodical exploration of the region where it was thought possible the dirigible might be.

NELSON, Dec. 26.—Hugh Jones, pioneer of the Ainsworth mining camp, died at Ainsworth, at 11 o'clock Christmas evening. He was a Welsh miner.

SELLS SUPPOSED ROMANOFF GEMS

RUSSIAN PRINCE BRINGS MUCH JEWELRY TO NEW YORK

Diamond Valued at Hundred Thousand Dollars Included in Antiques Imported for Sale

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Forty-two black pearls, valued at $60,000, today were recovered from customs officials by Prince Felix Youssoupoff, of Russia by the payment of $12,000 duty. The Prince brought the pearls and other jewelry, valued at several hundred thousand dollars, and said to have been among the possessions of the Romanoffs, to this country recently with the announced intention of selling them as antiques.

Other articles are being held for further investigation of their origin. They include two five karat diamonds valued at between $100,000 and $200,000.

Articles of jewelry brought here by relatives of Prince Youssoupoff recently were released by the Government after it had been established they were antiques.

ADVISES MODERATION FOR INDIA'S POLICY

Chief Native Delegate to Empire Parley Wants Nothing Done to Prejudice Matters

POONA, India, Dec. 26.—Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the chief Indian delegate at the recent Imperial Conference in London, in an address to the All-Indian National Liberal Congress, of which he is president, advised the Indians to do nothing to prejudice negotiations with the Dominions, except South Africa, or to prejudice the Colonial Office with regard to estates of Indians in the Dominions.

Sir Tej urged the need of strong Government action with respect to South Africa's antagonistic attitude toward the Indian, and said the Government should assert itself with the people, as the development of political feeling over the position of the Indians in South Africa might embarrass the internal administration. He suggested raising the tariff against South African coal and reducing the freight rates on Indian coal in order to encourage local industries.

Sapru urged the desirability of extending constitutional reforms in India.

Quarter Million Paid To Vancouver Liquor Stores Christmas Eve

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Government liquor vendors took in $250,000 in their seven stores in Vancouver on Christmas Eve. One feature of the holiday was the large demand for Chinese and Japanese liquors.

Aviator Fined for "Reckless Flying"

BERKELEY, Dec. 26. — Dewey Ward, of Oakland, commercial aviator, was found guilty in a justice court here today of "reckless flying" over the new stadium here during the California-Stanford football game. It was the first conviction under the California state law which provides a penalty of $100 or six months in jail, or both. He will be sentenced January 5. Ward refused to take the stand, but witnesses identified him and told the court that he had flown at a dangerously low altitude over the football crowd.

OBREGON'S MEN FORCED BACK

Rebel Troops Start Flank Movement and Compel Federal Forces to Commence Their Retreat

CONCENTRATION TAKES PLACE FOR NEW DRIVE

Huerta Now About to Commence Another Advance on Mexican Capital, and Preparations Inaugurated

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Revolutionary troops have concentrated and are in readiness to inaugurate a new drive toward the capital, the de la Huerta Junta, in El Paso, was advised today, in dispatches from Vera Cruz rebel headquarters.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 26.—The federal troops have withdrawn to Apizaco, on the Mexican railway line, about seventy miles east of the capital, according to information received at revolutionary headquarters here today. This fact, it was asserted, changes the situation radically on the Vera Cruz front.

A correspondent with the column of General Villaneuva on the Inter-Oceanic Railway, with headquarters at Oriental, in a dispatch says the Obregon advance posts at San Marcos began to withdraw after slight skirmishes with the pursuing rebel forces.

Obregon Forces Withdraw

After this message had been received news was received at revolutionary headquarters of the withdrawal of the whole of the Obregon force to Apizaco, leaving the road free. It is believed, however, that the retreating troops cut the railway line at some places.

The withdrawal of the federal troops is believed here to have been due to the danger of the flank movement started three days ago by General Maycotte with forces coming from the state of Oaxaca by way of the state of Puebla, advancing parallel with the Mexican Railway. The movement of the Maycotte troops is in conformity with plans evolved by the council of rebel leaders held recently at Esperanza. The further working out of the plan, it is announced, will have an important bearing on the situation.

New Operations

General Guadalupe Sanchez, chief of the rebel military operations, will leave here tomorrow for San Marcos to decide on new military operations against the federal forces. From San Marcos he will return by way of the Mexican Railway, and thus will have a chance to review the troops forming a part of the two rebel columns east of Mexico City.

With the arrival of reinforcements, a new attack on Santa Lucretl, on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, is to begin tomorrow against the Obregon garrisons. The capture of Santa Lucretia, revolutionary headquarters declares, would mean the domination of the isthmian railway line.

STRIKES MOTHER AND BABY; DOES NOT STOP

Unrecognized Motorist Rushes From Scene of Accident Without Attempting to Give Aid

Last night, shortly before 7 o'clock, Mrs. J. J. Bradshaw, 2818 Rock Bay Avenue, carrying a young baby in her arms, was struck by an unrecognized motorist, at the corner of Hillside Avenue and Douglas Street, and knocked to the pavement. Both the mother and little child were rendered unconscious for a few seconds by the blow, and Mrs. Bradshaw sustained a cut lip and some painful bruises. The motorcar driver did not stop.

Mrs. Bradshaw and her child were taken to Terry's drugstore, Pandora Street, where she recovered sufficiently to allow her to return to her home. The baby's head was bruised.

Former Minister of War Attacked In Rome

ROME, Dec. 26.—Giovanni Amendola, former Minister of the Colonies and former Minister of War, today was attacked by six unidentified persons who alighted from a taxi cab and surrounded him in the street. Signor Amendola was belabored with clubs until he fell bleeding to the sidewalk. He was removed to a hospital, where it was declared his injuries were not serious, and later he was returned to his home.

Sets Fire to Cell And Burns to Death

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Otto W. Crawford, 27, a logger, burned todeath early today in a padded cell at the police station, which he had set afire. Crawford was brought to the station yesterday by George A. Young, a relative, who asked that he be locked up on account of insanity. Crawford was placed in the padded cell and was violent throughout the night. With one match, which had been overlooked when Crawford was searched, he set fire to the cell.

Col. O. T. Stone, Pioneer Of Kaslo, Passes Away

KASLO, Dec. 26.—Colonel O. T. Stone, pioneer resident of this district, died here last night. He was born in St. John, N.B., and came to Kaslo more than thirty years ago, engaging in the mining and brokerage business. He was widely known throughout the Kootenays.

MAJOR H. C. FINNIS

A British officer, who was murdered in Northern India last month, and whose death has brought to a climax the state of British resentment against the Amir of Afghanistan, who had undertaken to suppress the marauding tribesmen. Britain may be forced to use military measures to induce the Amir to fulfill his treaty duties.

Letter From Arctic Mailed Four Years Ago Finds Owner

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—Four years ago Roald Amundsen, the explorer, mailed a letter in the far North to a friend in Minneapolis. After various adventures the communication reached its destination a few days ago, bearing on its face an epic of the postal service at the world's edge.

Eskimo carriers and dog teams, who started with the letter, had succumbed to cold and starvation, and their mail pouch lay for nearly four years preserved by ice and snow until last Summer, when a party of Russians discovered it. They sent the letter to Amundsen's home in Norway, where his brother, Leon, forwarded it to the Minneapolis destination.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR BY-LAW?

AMUSEMENT CENTRE COMMITTEE ANSWERS QUESTION

Fifteen Distinct Reasons Why Crystal Garden Proposals Should Be Heavily Supported

Why the Amusement Centre by-law is deserving of the support of every citizen of Victoria is set forth in ten thousand circulars now being distributed about the city by the Citizens' Amusement Centre Committee.

"Why should you vote for the by-law?" Thus asks the pamphlets, which then answer their own question as follows:

"Because you will get a building of great beauty, which will be a source of pride to the city.

"You will get the finest salt water swimming pool in Canada.

"You will get many other indoor athletic attractions.

"You will get splendid music all the year around.

"You will hear great artists at low prices.

"You will get picture galleries and exhibits of all kinds.

"You will get dancing floors larger than the Empress Hotel ballroom.

"You will get carnivals, great spectacles and grand concerts in a vast setting of colors and light.

"You will enjoy all these at "popular" prices.

"It will be a great factor in making Victoria the leading convention city.

"You will get the most beautiful indoor gardens imaginable.

"You will get delightful outdoor botanical gardens.

"Only the C.P.R. can afford to build, operate, and above all, advertise the Crystal Gardens. Thousands will come to Victoria to see them. Visitors will stay longer. Many will become residents.

"This means increased population, increased business and increased prosperity for all.

"The passage of the by-law is unquestionably in your interest.

"Work for the Amusement Centre by-law.

"Vote for it on Saturday, December 29."

Four Babies Arive To St. John Couple On Christmas Day

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26.—Santa Claus made a special trip yesterday afternoon to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McHaney here, and left four babies—three girls and one boy. Today all four were apparently healthy and strong. There was already a family of three boys and two girls.

NO GOING BACK ON PROMISES

Premier Massey, of New Zealand, Arrives in Montreal, and Refers to Recent Imperial Conference

GATHERING REPRESENTED EMPIRE IN COUNCIL

Unthinkable That Political Changes at Home Should Affect Promises Made to Overseas Dominions

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—"I have no wish nor would it be fitting to do so, to interfere in the domestic politics of Britain, but whatever may be the outcome of the present situation, I do most strongly hope that the work and recommendations of the Conference will not be jeopardized."

In this manner Premier W. F. Massey, of New Zealand, expressed himself on his arrival here tonight, regarding possible changes the British political situation would effect in the result of the Imperial Conference.

"It should be remembered that these Imperial Conferences in reality represent the Empire in council and it seems unthinkable that there should be going back upon the promises made to the Dominions on the part of the British Government. Any such happening would be most regrettable."

Foster Trade With Canada

Mr. Massey further stated that New Zealand was anxious to foster inter-Dominion trade with Canada, New Zealand gave preference in her customs tariff on no fewer than 425 commodities, and this applied to Canada no less than to all British countries. The export trade of New Zealand for the last producing year amounted to no less than $340,000,000 while imports for the same period were $210,000,000

"I think," said Mr. Massey, "it will be admitted these are very striking figures illustrating New Zealand's prosperity, especially when it is remembered that the population of the Dominion is 1,140,000."

ASK INTERCHANGE OF PROTESTANT PULPITS

Anglican Ministers Seek Arrangement to Facilitate Temporary Transfers of Pastors

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—It is understood that the ministers of the Anglican Church who sympathize with Rev. Canon Lawrence Skey, rector of St. Anne's Church, in his stand that he is within his rights in having ministers of other Protestant denominations occupy his pulpit upon his own invitation, will call a meeting for the purpose of coming to some arrangement whereby a general interchange of pulpits by Anglican ministers with those of other denominations would be permissible.

It has been declared by Right Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Bishop of Toronto, that, in his opinion, the resolution passed by the provincial synod in September, 1922, binds the clergy of his church from admitting to parochial pulpits any clergy of other denominations until the bishop of the diocese be satisfied as to their fitness.

MAKE NOMINATIONS TO EXPERT COMMITTEES

Reparations Commission Proposes Members for the Probe Into German Finances

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Reparation Commission today formally approved the nominations of the two expert committees which are to investigate Germany's financial situation, and issued an invitation to Henry M. Robinson, Los Angeles lawyer and banker, to be the third American member.

The first committee, that on the budget, will meet here on January 14, and the second, which will consider German capital abroad, on January 21.

One of the British nominations was changed. Sir Robert Kindersley, a director of the Bank of England, replacing Montagu Norman, governor of the bank. The other British delegates will be as previously announced, Reginald McKenna, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Joshua Stamp, a noted economist.

GREEKS LOOK TO VENIZELOS

War-Time Premier Decides to Visit Distracted Country, and Popular Cry Is "He's Coming"

MILITARY ORGANIATIONS VOLUNTARILY DISBAND

Republicans Insist That Veteran Statesman Recognize Fact of Dynasty Having Ended Its Reign

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—Athens is talking of little else than the decision of Eliphtherios Constane Venizelos, Greece's war-time premier, to return to his homeland and give the country the benefit of his genius and statesmanship as a conciliator in an attempt to readjust the problems which have arisen through Greece's bitter political strife.

Greek meets Greek with the salutation: "He's coming," which is reminiscent of two years ago, when King Constantine was recalled from exile in Switzerland, and already sworn political enemies have been seen shaking hands. Athens newspapers today gave space to portraits of Venizelos and particulars of the successful efforts to have him return to Greece.

The Demokratia, mouthpiece of the Republicans, declares that Venizelos will be made to realize that all efforts toward a restoration of a dynasty and the prevention of constitutional changes will be futile. The anti-Venizelos sentiment is summed up by the Chora as follows:

Wearied Through Hatreds

Partisans of Venizelos are borrowing the same shouts of joy which signalized the legal and honest return of Constantine. But Venizelos is not returning as a victor. His electoral victory is false and nonexistent. The people are wearied through the hatreds engendered by him."

The Liberals naturally hail the return of Venizelos, while the revolutionary group's organ, Elefteros Logos, expresses the hope that Venizelos will eventually be persuaded to become the next premier. It declares he cannot regulate the situation unless he personally directs the government.

Military Organizations End

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The military organizations in Greece, which agitated for the departure of King George, says an agency dispatch from Athens, have been dissolved voluntarily in view of former Premier Venizelos' decision to return to Greece. The organizations have notified M. Venizelos that, having fulfilled their aims, they would leave the future confidently in his hands.

The services organized by Col. Plastiras, as leader of the military revolution, will also be dispersed on January 1, the dispatch adds. The newly elected national assembly will be opened the following day with a speech by Col. Plastiras and then adjourned until the third week in January, after the Greek fete, thus giving M. Venizelos time to consider the situation.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK WAS RECORDED HERE

Berkeley, California, Felt the Earth Tremor on Christmas Morning Few Minutes Before Victoria

BERKELEY, Dec. 26.—Slight earthquake shocks, lasting from 12:01 to 12:21 a.m. today, and from 1,500 to 1,600 miles distant were recorded by the seismograph of the University of California. The point of disturbance was either north or south.

Mr. Napier Denison, superintendent at the Meteorological Bureau, Gonzales Heights, found, when asked about the above, that his instruments had recorded a shock about the same time yesterday morning. The first wave was received here at 12 minutes and 30 seconds after midnight, the maximum wave arriving three minutes later. However, the whole record did not last more than ten minutes, and was by no means well-defined, although it was shown that the waves were traveling in a north-south direction.

Comparison of the Berkeley record and the Victoria record places the centre of the disturbance probably somewhere to the southwest, probably some distance out in the Pacific.

Central America Raids Cause Serious Outlook

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A raid by Honduran soldiers into Nicaraguan territory resulting in depredations to the property of the Nicaraguan Minister of Finance, was reported in private advices received in Washington today. The incident, which followed disturbances during a recent presidential election in Honduras, was said to have created a serious situation between the two countries. Details, however, were lacking.

Brothers-in-Law Duel

HATFIELD, Ark., Dec. 26.—Bad feeling which had existed between the two for some time is said to have been responsible for the death of Newt Romines, of Bethel, Okla., and John Kilgore, of Smithville, Okla., both of whom were killed in a pistol duel at Smithville, Monday. Kilgore died instantly; Romines died late Tuesday. The men were brothers-in-law.

Fewer French Deputies

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Chamber of Deputies today approved M. Loucheur's proposal to reduce the number of deputies from 620 to 591. The vote was 290 to 236.

TWELVE KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

Sonora Disturbance Took Toll of Lives and Totally Destroyed Village and Wrecked Portions of Others—Shocks Numbered Twenty-Nine and Lasted Six Days—Storm Sweeps District and Adds to Suffering of Survivors

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Twelve persons were killed in Huasabas, Sonora, Mexico, during the series of earthquake shocks which started December 18 and continued until December 24, according to first detailed information received here today from the disaster zone. Survivors claim that in all about 29 shocks were felt, the most severe having occurred December 18 and the following morning. Huasabas was razed, according to the detailed report, not one of the many adobe houses having been left standing. It is estimated that 39 houses were destroyed by the 'quake in the town of Granados, 15 miles from Huasabas. The suffering of the survivors of the earthquake was increased by a storm which swept the devastated towns. It is reported that 125 families are homeless in Huasabas. To aid in the relief work the Douglas Chamber of Commerce started a campaign to raise $20,000. Almost half the amount sought was raised today.

PATIENTS BURN IN ASYLUM FIRE

Fire in One of Wooden Structures of Chicago State Hospital Causes Deaths of Many Patients—Six Hundred in Building at Time of Outbreak and Many Wander Away in Darkness—One Woman Rescuer Perishes in Flames

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Seventeen persons are known to have perished tonight in a fire which destroyed a part of one of the frame structures of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane, at Dunning, at the edge of Chicago. At midnight, a search was still in progress and other bodies may be lying in the ruins.

Six hundred men patients, who were inmates of the partly destroyed structure, were rushed out into a drizzling rain by guards as the fire spread. About fifty of them, confused by the darkness and rain, escaped or wandered away from the hospital grounds. Some of them were rounded up later by police and motorists, but no check on the number of missing had been made at midnight.

The asylum consisted of seven buildings, housing 2,500 patients. A woman who perished is believed to have been an attendant who went into the building to rescue patients as there were no woman patients in the buildings.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by an overheated boiler.

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TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Although the number of unemployed in the city is not so great as last year, the latest figures show 1,930 men and 1,091 women on the register at the government employment office.

PREMIER MASSEY FOR PROTECTION

NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER FOR PREFERENCE

Addresses Clubs at Quebec on Significance of Recent Imperial Conference

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—An echo of the Imperial Conference in London was heard at the Canadian Club luncheon at the Chateau Frontenac today, when the Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, addressed the combined membership of the Canadian and Rotary Clubs. Mr. Massey, always an earnest advocate of preferential tariffs with the Empire, communicated some of his enthusiasm to his audience.

At the conclusion of his address he was cheered to the echo.

Hon. Mr. Massey launched into a vigorous argument in favor of a policy of protection within the Empire. The mere fact that the Premiers of the various countries comprising the British Empire had been able to get together and discuss questions of mutual interest was in itself an achievement. He referred to the fact that no decision of the Imperial Conference was binding on any one of the Dominions; each decision must be ratified by the nation concerned before it became law.

Out and Out for Protection

It was the aim, he said, of the majority of those at the Imperial Conference to bring into operation the principles of protection insofar as the Empire was concerned.

"I may as well tell you now," he said, "that I am out-and-out for protection. True, we cannot go into it hurriedly, but I have no doubt at all that the measure would be of great benefit to the Empire as a whole, when it can be put into operation satisfactorily."

Unemployment and the general trade depression in England could be laid, in Mr. Massey's opinion, to the fact that fifty years ago Britain was the workshop of the world, and her products were purchased by the majority of foreign countries. Today, however, with Britain a free trade country, those people were manufacturing cheaply for themselves and were shipping their surplus products to Great Britain to the detriment of the British manufacturer.

Canadian Engagements

Right Hon. W. F. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, spent two hours of his Christmas Day in Montreal and then proceeded to Quebec City. The Premier is to speak at Toronto, Thursday, and Montreal on Friday. Premier Massey will leave for Ottawa on Friday and in the evening will be the guest at dinner of the Right Hon. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister.

Mr. Massey will remain in Ottawa during Saturday, on which day he will be the guest of His Excellency, the Governor-General. He will leave the capital early Sunday morning on his way to Vancouver, where on January 4 he has another engagement to speak. He will sail for New Zealand on January 4.

GETTING A TRIFLE STALE
—From The New York World.

FIVE MILLIONS IN PREMIER DIVIDENDS

Famous Stewart Mine About to Declare New York Box to Shareholders

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 26.—With the payment of another 8 per cent dividend in January, the Premier mine will have produced dividends in a little more than two years of $5,000,000, which is the equal of the par value of its share capital.

The last dividend for this year will be declared at a meeting in New York on January 3, plans for the development of the mine during the coming year also will be outlined, and it is the intention to enlarge the equipment and expand development.

Ownership of the Premier is in the hands of but a few men—the Guggenheim, Keith and Untermeyer group of capitalists of New York, owning control, and R. W. Woods, A. B. Trites, W. R. Wilson, of British Columbia, and R. K. Neill, of Spokane, with odd shareholders owning the balance.

NEW PINS SHOW WEARERS WANT WIFE OR HUSBAND

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—"Have you seen the single pin yet?" asks The Toronto Star.

It is a small pin, showing a very yellow sun across a very azure sea, with the letter "S" in the sky behind. Its object is clear. It is to advertise to the world that the wearer is unmarried, against his will. It is more than simply a single pin; it is a signal pin, the wistful symbol of involuntary celibacy. It is the idea of a bright young Toronto man who has been married for five years and is so delighted with the results that he has become a sort of matrimonial missionary. He believes both men and women are going round in need of such a friend.

The single pin, he pointed out, was a social need. The absence of a wedding ring meant very little. It might mean that the young woman was unmarried, or it might mean that she regarded wedding rings as a symbol of bondage, or merely that she had left her wedding ring in the washroom. On the other hand the single pin was a definite challenge. It was just as though the wearer was going about with a large sign saying: "Bachelor, lonely, would like to meet a lady of suitable age," or "Widow, attractive and intelligent, would like to make the acquaintance of unmarried gentleman," or "I am 29 and unmarried, and no man has called on me since 1918. Would like a suitable life companion."

PAUL MAY PLANT AND APOLLOS WATER

Archbishop of Canterbury Writes of Possibilities of Anglican and Roman Churches' Unity

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The question of the reunion of the churches, especially the Anglican and Roman Catholic, which was advocated in resolutions at the famous Lambeth conference in 1920, has made only the smallest headway, according to a Christmas letter which the Archbishop of Canterbury has issued to the dignitaries of the Anglican communion. Reviewing all that has happened since that conference the Archbishop disclosed that three private conferences have since been held at Malines, initiated by Cardinal Mercier and some few Anglicans, with the object of discussing the outstanding and familiar barriers between the Church of England and the Church of Rome.

The third of these essentially private and unofficial conferences was held only a few weeks ago. The Archbishop explains that the conferences cannot properly be described as negotiations as the Anglicans participating were in no sense delegates of the whole church.

The movement has merely sought to effect some restatement of controverted questions and the elucidation of perplexities. He believes that further conversations must follow, but in conclusion, says:

"The difficulties are immense, you know them as clearly as I do. They may prove for some time to come insuperable. Paul may plant and Apollos water, it is God who gives the increase."

Only Two Lives Lost In Sonora Quake, But Two Towns Wiped Out

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 26.—There were only two casualties in the recent earthquake of December 19, which struck the towns of Oputo Grandos and Huasabas, in Sonora, Mexico, according to authentic news from the stricken area which reached here today. The two casualties were a woman and a child at Grandos, the reports said. Huasabas and Granados, however, are in ruins, but most of the populace was saved, it is believed, by a warning tremor, which preceded the more serious shocks, and caused most of the natives to seek safety in the open spaces of the towns. The despatches deny statements that Federal troop movements on the seaport is being contemplated, and insist that the rebels are more than holding their own.

U.S. Attache Makes Fortune Speculating

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant Osborne Cutler Wood, twenty-six, son of Governor-General Wood, of the Philippines, has admitted making between $700,000 and $800,000 in speculation in Wall Street securities, conducted by cable from Manila, where he is an aide to his father, says a copyrighted dispatch to The New York Times today. Wood will return to the United States soon, with the intention of resigning his commission and entering the diplomatic service.

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Graves of Unknown Soldiers Decorated

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In 1850 President Filmore ordered a bath tub installed in the White House.

RUSSIAN SINGER IS RACE'S INTERPRETER

Vladimir Rosing Again Gives Haunting Pictures in Song Recital on Christmas Afternoon

Everything in Russian art and literature reveals them as a race in whom a thread of passionate melancholy runs strong. But no one of Russia's artists has the power more vividly and convincingly to show this quality of the racial temperament than Vladimir Rosing, the Russian tenor, who on Christmas Day favored a Victoria audience with his second memorable recital here. Paradoxically, side by side with this picture of a people overshadowed with gloom, he paints on his wonderful canvas a picture which shows his race as naturally joyous of spirit as a child, but a child dwelling in an atmosphere where cold and fierce circumstance and sorrow are the daily lot.

When he was here last Winter, Rosing gave a wonderful programme, in which Russian song, largely traditional, either in actuality or suggestion, occupied a prominent place. He sang those particular songs so remarkably that one might have expected to find some of them in his recital this year. But from his rich repertoire he drew an entirely new selection without really stepping for any appreciable length of time aside from the class of song in which he is so eminently supreme. For it is as the interpreter of the Russian folk-song—in fact, the folk-song of any of the northern peoples—that he stands absolutely alone.

He has an unaffected, almost diffident stage presence. There is a charming simplicity in his manner when he gives his little prefatory explanations in English before commencing his song. But this is hardly necessary. He makes the song its own interpretation, using an amazing equipment of expression unknown to the ordinary singer. It seems he has been endowed by the Mother of all the Muses, and to his vocal art—a thing which in itself is greatly adequate to all that he has to sing—brings also the art of histriony in its highest sense. Whether it was in the mood of humor or grim tragedy, he made the audience live through the incident with its actor. And even in his least impressive number, a selection from the "Elijah," he was at least convincingly devotional, and carried his listeners into the atmosphere of devotion with him.

His characterizations are as vivid as figures from life. Two or three things stand out as paramount works of art in this connection: Moussorgsky's "Goat," satirically humorous, mocking, ironical; the song of the Volga boatmen, a great example of graduated pianissimo and forte to represent the approach and passing of singers; and "The Wanderer," by Manikin-Nevstruoff. The personalities of goat and hunchback-husband and peasant-bride so wonderfully delineated in the first; the picture of suffering portrayed in the second, which is the refrain of men bleeding from the rope which chafes breast and shoulder as they strain along the towpath hauling the heavy barge; the stalking horror of hunger and wild elements and cold and fear in the last—these are things which the listener saw as real beings. In lighter vein were Gretchaninoff's "Snowflakes," and to these little fairy crystals he gives personality too, the airy personality of things which just touch, but at the same time seem capable of sympathy for the Russian folk on whose villages they fall; the Tschaikowsky "Lullaby," characteristically picturesque and with the picture of the child's three nurses, sun, wind, and the eagle; and the caressingly-melodious Schubert "Serenade." The group of operatic arias included the heartbroken and mocking "Vesti la Giubbia," from "Pagliacci," the "Salve d'Amor," from "Faust," and "La donna e mobile," from "Rigoletto."

Among the encores were some of Mrs. Kennedy Fraser's settings of "Hebridean Songs," the spirited tempo of the first being most tantalising to Scotch feet; and the famous Moussorgsky "Song of a Flea," which begins by being merely humorous, and ends by being sardonically-tragic in effect.

The audience was treated to a pleasant surprise in the piano group by the clever young accompanist, Nicolas Slonimsky, who gave two of his own compositions in his brief appearance. He is a most pleasing musician, and his "Etude" afforded evidence of considerable originality as a composer. His accompaniments were delightful examples of intimate and sympathetic understanding between player and singer.

A passage from Pericles, in praise of the fallen heroes of Athens, was widely read on the last Armistic Dey: "But each one, man by man, has won imperishable praise; each has gained a glorious grave — not that sepulchre of earth wherein they lie, but the living tomb of everlasting remembrance wherein their glory is enshrined, remembrance that will live on the lips, that will blossom in the deeds of their countrymen the world over. For the whole earth is the sepulchre of heroes: monuments may rise and tablets be set up to them in their own land, but on far-off shores there is an abiding memorial that no pen nor chisel has traced; it is graven, not on stone or brass, but on the living heart of humanity. Take these men, then, for your ensamples. Like them, remember that posterity can be only for the free, that freedom is the sure possession of those alone who have courage to defend it."

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City Council's Current Revenue

Sir,—Can you assist overburdened taxpayers in ascertaining what "Current Revenue" is? Our councillors, solemly pledged to drastic economy, claim to have discovered that they can spend our money in any way they choose and in any municipality they choose provided that money comes under the heading "Current Revenue" and they seem to have even obtained Provincial legislation enabling them to do so. Surely taxpayers will wish to know what source is this revenue obtained; if from the taxpayers, why should it be exempt from our councillors' promises of drastic economy; if from some other source, what is that source? How much per annum does this special income amount to and why should it not be devoted to meeting the city's heavy debts. It is important to know just how much money per annum our councillors consider they have a right to play with and spend in any way they select. Where this money comes from if not practically from the taxpayers seems to be a mystery. Why did our councillors begin spending money on the Elk Lake links secretly if they did not know they were acting wrongly? Here are some of the stunts of the 1923 councillors elected as above:

Publicity grant immediately increased. A sum of $80,000, I think, they were ready to invest in a risky and expensive grain elevator scheme which fortunately died a speedy and natural death, one thousand dollars to revivify a very dead amalgamation scheme. What has become of this $1,000? A thousand dollars for the discovery of a criminal when the Mayor could have easily ascertained that the police had the matter well in hand. It is the principle involved that is important rather than the exact sum of money paid away.

F. M. READE.
9 Mt. Edwards, Vancouver Street, Victoria, B.C., December 26, 1923.

Elk Lake Development

Sir:—In his letter published in The Colonist of Sunday last, in which he attempts to justify the expenditure of civic funds in providing golf links at Elk Lake, Alderman Todd fails to give due weight to one very important fact in connection with the question. He makes only a slight and indirect reference to the fact that the taxpapers of Victoria have twice, by vote, refused to allow any civic funds to be used in providing golf links. After those two votes of the taxpayers, if a board of aldermen can go ahead and do the things which the people have refused to sanction, thus setting the will of the people at defiance, then we have ceased to have representative government in this city and the will of the people is not the supreme law, as British subjects the world over have so long believed. It seems evident that some men have failed to learn the lesson they should have learned from the fate of the German war lord and the Czar, who sought to govern by similar methods.

Mr. Todd tells us that an ex-mayor secured from the Legislature the right to do what the late Council has done with regard to these Elk Lake expenditures. That may be true, but it will be remembered that the same ex-mayor was defeated in the following election; so, too, was the ex-mayor he named on the occasion when he last appealed to the people as a mayoralty candidate, and if the aldermen who were responsible for that Elk Lake expenditure escaped defeat in the recent civic election it probably was owing to the fact that they carried out their operations there so secretly that the great bulk of the voters knew little or nothing about it. I believe that if these operations had been as well known and had been as fully ventilated in the press as was that monstrous Greater Victoria Water Act, not one of those aldermen would have escaped defeat. They certainly deserved it.

Mr. Todd next parades a list of names of men who, he tells us, are in favor of this Elk Lake project. That is a ehlidish argument. It would be very easy for me to give the names of double the number of equally as responsible men who are opposed to it, so what does that kind of an argument amount to? The fact that the taxpayers have twice defeated by-laws providing for expending civic funds in golf links cannot be brushed aside by publishing the names of a few men who perhaps want to play the game at other people's expense.

I have not the slightest objection to anyone playing golf to his heart's content, providing he does it at his own expense; that, of course, is his right, but to tax ten men, nine of whom do not play golf, to provide sport for one man of the ten who does wish to play, is a violation of every sound principle of taxation as well as of justice.

But we may be told that this expenditure at Elk Lake is of the nature of an investment from which the city is to derive a revenue, that a hotel is to be built out there partly with money granted or guaranteed by the city, and that the golf links are needed as an attraction. If there is any truth in such rumors, then the scheme is at best but a speculation or a gamble, and I affirm with all emphasis possible that a City Council has no right to speculate, gamble, or take chances with the taxpayers' money without their consent.

When Calvin Coolidge was Governor of Massachusetts he vetoed an act of the State Legislature, giving as his reason for his veto the statement that at this time, when the burdens of the people were so heavy owing to the enormous cost of the late war, it was the duty of all representative bodies to lessen those burdens by economizing to the fullest extent possible, not to increase them by undertaking new ventures, as the vetoed bill proposed. That was sound advice. It was because of the sound judgment he displayed in minor positions that he is now the chief executive of a nation of one hundred and ten million people.

The civic, provincial and federal burdens upon our people at present are grievously heavy. By not one feather's weight should these burdens be increased, but by every means possible and to the fullest extent possible should those burdens be lightened by the exercise of the most rigid economy. Our aldermen should cease rainbow-chasing and practice a little of that economy they have been so profuse in promising on the eve of every election. They should confine their activities to those duties assigned to them by the Municipal Act, and, above all, they should cease those yearly pilgrimages to the Legislature to secure additional powers of taxation and for spending money without consulting the taxpayers.

Let me in closing give expression to one note of warning. If this city keeps on for five years longer, drifting as it has been doing for the last ten, with the burden of taxation yearly increasing and the circle of taxation yearly decreasing through tax sales, it will be a case of after us the deluge.

F. ANDREWS.
1358 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, B.C., December 24, 1923.

SUGGESTS KNIFE ON POLICE FORCE

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motor car traffic so that cars may park against the curbs on Johnson Street and not at an angle of forty-five degrees. When the amendment is made Douglas Street will be the only thoroughfare under the forty-five degrees parking regulation.

Commissioner Staneland presented a draft of the police warning card which will be given motorists making minor infractions of traffic laws, and which will serve as a first warning and also as a record of driving conduct. A motion that the cards be printed forthwith was passed.

Beer Clubs Again

Answering a question relative to the present position of the Hellenic-Canadian Club, Yates Street, Chief Fry stated that, while a fine of $1,000 had been assessed against it recently in police court, and had been collected, and its charter had been cancelled, it was still in operation, and as a matter of fact had never been closed. It was operating under the authority of a Provincial charter, however, he explained, the document having been secured from Vancouver some two or three days before the original one was taken away. He believed it was better to have such a club operating under a charter than without one, because in case of more proceedings being taken against the premises, the police would have a corporate body to deal with instead of an individual with no authority.

Message of Sympathy

On motion by Commissioners Staneland and Doctor Hall, a message of sympathy was passed and will be forwarded to the widow of the late late Major Rufus G. Chamberlain, who died recently in Montreal. Commissioner Staneland pointed out that the late Major Chamberlain had been a widely-known Canadian character, and it had been largely due to his efforts and influence that the Canadian Police Chief' convention was held in Victoria in 1922.

Retiring Commissioner

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Hayward and Commissioner Hall bade goodbye to Commissioner Staneland, who at the end of the year is retiring from the board in favor of Commissioner-elect A. M. Aitken. Both expressed regret at his departure and mentioned the harmony which had also permeated the meetings of the commission during 1923, even when all members were not in agreement. Mayor Hayward, in closing, wished his fellow-commissioners, Chief Fry and members of the police department, and the representatives of the press, the compliments of the season.

Commissioner Staneland reiterated the good wishes extended to him and stated that while not being a member of the board, he would continue to have the best interests of the department at heart.

Schooner Eric, With Cargo From Vancouver, Waterlogged at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—The schooner Eric, bound from Vancouver to Brisbane, is waterlogged and in distress, according to a message received from Honolulu, according to the marine department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The position of the vessel is not given. The cargo is reported intact.

NONE ARE WHOLLY BAD

The law may be occasionally wooden, but it is seldom inhuman, in its dealings with questions concerning the responsibility of criminals. It acts broadly on the line that one capable of managing the ordinary business of life is also capable of distinguishing between good and evil. But there are plenty of medical and pschological theorists who hold that everybody is mad in spots; that there is no positive good or positive evil, and that a murderer may be, in nine-tenths of his relations, an excellent fellow.—Evening Standard.

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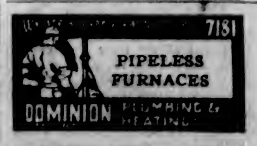

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SATURDAY'S BY-LAW

The people of Victoria have the opportunity of presenting themselves with a New Year's gift of considerable potential value by approving of the agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the construction of an amusement centre. This is a proposal wholly unusual in its kind in the relations of the railway company with the municipalities. It is a departure for the C. P. R. itself and it is a departure being made because of the location, the climatic attractiveness and the persistency of our citizens in inducing the company to have a bigger stake in the progress of the community. The C. P. R., due to expanding business, is now engaged in erecting a substantial office building for its B. C. Coast Steamship Service. It is about to add two new vessels to its ferry facilities at a cost in the neighborhood of $2,500,000. It is ready to engage in an investment in an amusement centre here, and in connection with it to beautify the stadium grounds and maintain them over a long term of years.

When the whole scheme for an amusement centre is investigated we do not believe that it will meet with any radical opposition from any quarter. The concessions such as the city is prepared to make, subject to the approval of the property owners, are concessions that have been unanimously approved by the members of the City Council. They have been endorsed by the different public service organizations and there never was a project launched in the community which has received more enthusiastic and widespread support. The by-law to sanction the agreement should lead to a record vote, and we hope to a record endorsement of the policy concerned. It has been pointed out time and again that the weak point in the programme of publicity to bring tourists here is the lack of organized amusements for their recreation when they do come. Amusements have been urged in this newspaper. It was through these columns that the first suggestion of an amusement centre came some years ago and it is a matter of satisfaction that it should have taken hold of the public imagination. It is a matter of greater satisfaction still that the present scheme should have been developed for there is no organization in the country more likely to make a great success of the amusement centre than the C. P. R.

Saturday's vote will be a test of our estimate of the future, in matters affecting civic progress. There exists an opportunity to bring about the institution of a new development factor. The scheme proposed possesses many attractive features and undoubtedly will prove of unusual advertising value. It means the establishment of a new branch of the amusement industry. We cannot doubt that, when all the factors of the situation are taken into consideration, the property owners will approve what is proposed and will do so with the definite assurance that they are doing what is in the best interests of the city. A three-fifths majority will be requisite to carry the by-law. This should be borne in mind so that there will be a large turnout of voters to show how great is the interest in the plans prepared for this feature of civic advancement.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

It seems necessary to remind correspondents again that this newspaper does not care about printing circular letters, and by that is meant those letters which are sent simultaneously to more than one publication. Some correspondents imagine that by simply having duplicates made of their letters copies can be sent to two or more newspapers and thus they will obtain the widest possibly publicity for their views. That is a practice that is strongly objected to by the press as a whole. There are occasions where the writer is a public figure and has something of high importance to say when such publicity can be secured, but as a general rule a newspaper, if it believes that a letter it receives has been duplicated elsewhere, will throw the production into the waste paper basket. Correspondents would do well to bear this in mind. Some of them are far too casual in their treatment of newspapers and often demand as a right what should only be granted as a privilege. A newspaper has to conserve its space and it is the judge of the matter which it permits to appear in its columns. Again and again this newspaper, for instance, has urged its correspondents to condense their letters into a space of 500 words. The advice has largely fallen on barren ground, but at the same time correspondents continue to complain because letters often exceeding a column in length do not appear. We could wish that our readers, who desire to air their views through the columns of this paper, would pay some attention to the art of condensation, and could wish also that they would remember that there is strong objection to the printing of circular letters.

THE REFERENDUM

The London Spectator points out that while the official Conservative dogma in the late general election in Britain was that the sole issue was Free Trade or Protection, still the election raised a dozen other cardinal issues. It alludes to the Capital Levy, to that of stable party government as against a group system, of vote-controlled government as against press-controlled government, and the issue of a society based on the system of free private enterprise as against a Socialist society. These issues, The Spectator believes could not be excluded from the election and the consequent confusion of thought is held to be an argument in favor of a referendum on questions of public policy. Whenever the issue of Free Trade versus Protection has come to the fore it has been, unfortunately, obscured in some respects by the raising of other issues. As long ago as November, 1903, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain dealt with the subject in connection with his Protection campaign and it is remarkable that he should have concluded a general review of his policy with the following words:

I have often wondered that we have never adopted the principle of the Referendum as practised in Switzerland, and also in many parts of the United States of America. It is the only way in which the decision of great national questions can be separated from all the complicated issues of party government. At a general election the voter is influenced partly by his desire to see his own party in office, and partly by his views on a number of special questions, many of them purely local or even personal.

If, in the case of a new policy, not necessarily political, it were possible to eliminate all side issues, we might have a national verdict which all sections would accept, and which would be given without reference to the perennial struggle between the "Outs" and the "Ins" which is at present the chief occupation of political life.

In the absence of such a machinery for testing public opinion, I will not venture on any prediction as to the exact time at which a conservative nation such as ours will decide on the adoption of new methods to meet new conditions, but I have no doubt whatever that the policy of free imports is doomed, and I earnestly hope that the policy of mutual preference between the different parts of the British Empire may be accepted before it is too late for us to avail ourselves of the opportunity within our grasp.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS

General Smuts' position as head of the South African Government is becoming a precarious one owing to the alliance that has been formed between the Nationalist and Labor Parties. That alliance has, of course, carried the Laborites into the stream of agitation for a republican South Africa against which Premier Smuts has fought so strenuously. General Smuts is a stern fighter and a personality. He is ready to accept the challenge to his principles and policies no matter from what quarter it comes and possibly his attitude will make the Nationalist-Labor alliance impossible. There is already a rift in the alliance ranks for Mr. Barlow, who represents a Bloemfontein constituency, has told the Nationalists that they must drop their republican agitation or "he will carry the fiery torch through South Africa against them." The future of that alliance and the basis on which it may be perpetuated will probably be determined at a Labor Party conference which meets at Pretoria on New Year's Day.

MARIE CURIE HONORED BY NATION'S LEADERS

Discoverer of Radium Greeted by French President and Cabinet At the Sorbonne

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The discovery of radium 25 years ago today by Mme. Marie Curie and her late husband, Prof. Pierre Curie, was celebrated this afternoon at the Sorbonne with many notables in attendance, including members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps and prominent scientists.

President Millerand, in an address, emphasized the importance of the discovery and voiced the gratitude of the world to the modest woman scientist largely responsible for it. Mme. Curie, in a brief but emotional response, expressed regret that her husband had not lived to receive the honors due him. She said that the primitiveness of their laboratory and the difficulties under which they worked gave an air of romance to the discovery, but that this romantic element had not been an advantage.

"It exhausted our strength and delayed our success," she declared. Their five years of experimentation might have been accomplished in two under proper conditions, she said.

Roumania Universities Situation Grows Worse

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Dec. 26. The situation in the Roumanian universities is steadily growing worse in consequence of the anti-Jewish disturbances. The campuses of Bucharest, Jassy and Klausenburg Universities are being guarded by police and military. Some of the professors have refused to lecture in the presence of the military and, therefore, numerous lectures have been abandoned. The Commercial Academy of Bucharest remains closed. Authorities insist there should be no lectures unless the students permit Jews to attend. The University of Jassy virtually is closed.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

The great crowds which thronged the streets and the shops of Victoria did not seem to be impressed by a feeling that there was anything wrong with the city. They were in a cheerful mood; goodwill towards men radiated from their hearts and was reflected in their countenances; they did not appear to lack anything that was necessary to their happiness nor the little time that was necessary to contribute to the happiness of others maybe less fortunate in circumstances.

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But there is always a minority, we trust that in Victoria it is a very small minority, which sees storms looming up on the horizon. There is no bow of promise in the heavens for them. We must not take a step forward, for if we do the earth surely will open and swallow us up, or at least something disastrous will happen.

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The Crystal Garden, commonly called an Amusement Centre, and the Elk Lake golf links, are the subjects of deep concern and objection at the present time. There are plenty of attractions in Victoria without spending money on such useless things (except to a few people) as amusement centres and golf courses. Those things are merely evidence of the fact that the C.P.R., that terribly deep and horribly acquisitive corporation, is laying another snare for our simple feet. So it is said.

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Well, we are compelled to admit that perhaps the railway company did get the better of us in the bridge deal; but in that case we set the trap ourselves and deliberately walked into it, and our engineer tells us that after all the cost of bringing forth the twins and looking after them was not as great and will not be as great as would have been the case had the birthrate been normal. We have our own doubts about that, and possibly a majority of the ratepayers will share our sentiments; but it would be unfair to hold even the C.P.R. responsible for that particular act of folly, if it was a foolish thing and not a wise one, according to the opinion of our technical authority on such matters.

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However, we do not think the Canadian Pacific Railway Company got the better of us in the Empress Hotel matter. We do not believe that ten people of common sense can be found in Victoria who will maintain that the concession which resulted in the construction of a magnificent edifice in the middle of a nauseous mud puddle and the creation of a beautiful garden in a place which was an offence to all the senses was a bad bargain for the ratepayers. We do not believe there are ten more who would vote differently if they had an opportunity to wipe out all the improvements along that waterfront and revert to the old conditions.

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The Crystal Garden scheme is practically an extension of the Empress Hotel project. The one is an elaboration of the other. One has produced almost miraculous results from the point of view of anyone who likes to look upon beautiful things; the other will provide an effective background for an incomplete picture.

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We do not know that the hotel has proved a very remunerative investment for the C.P.R. We hope it has been, although we have some doubts upon the subject. Indeed, we believe figures can be given to substantiate such doubts. But there is little doubt that indirectly the construction of the hotel has proved beneficial to the railway company; nor there is any doubt that both directly and indirectly the people of Victoria have derived immense benefits from it. The Crystal Garden scheme, therefore, is a matter that should be considered from a practical, common sense point of view. Passion and prejudice should not be permitted to interfere with a just and reasonable consideration of the matter. If it is likely to be a good thing for the city, the fact that a great corporation is interested in it, and is going to carry it out on the suggestion of representatives of the city, should not prejudicially affect the judgment of the ratepayer when he goes to the polling booth.

As to the necessity for municipal golf links at Elk Lake there may be legitimate differences of opinion. One critic who knows nothing whatever about golf or the effects of golf, says the passion for the game is but a fleeting one; that it will pass away like the late craze for pingpong. We know little about the game either, from the point of view of one who really knows how to play it, but no technical knowledge is necessary to note the fact that whereas fifty years ago golf was played by a few hundred people now it is the pastime of hundreds of thousands, and they are constantly adding to their numbers.

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A visit to the parks and the commons around Victoria will convince the most sceptical of critics not only that the game is not destined to premature decline and early death but will prove that within the course of a very short time indeed there will be an imperative demand for more facilities for playing it. Not only men and women, but young boys and girls, will be seen trying their 'prentice hands there with the clubs.

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We have already expressed the view that it would be a fine thing for Mr. John Dean and other critics of golf if they could be induced to sink their prejudices and join some of the local clubs. Swinging the clubs and walking at a leisurely pace from hole to hole on the links would improve their physical health and perhaps produce in their minds a more cheerful outlook upon the affairs of the city. All the clubs are said to have nineteenth holes (the one to which we belong has two tenth holes, which is even better), and acquaintance with the mysteries of those sacred places is said to have a remarkable effect upon even the most pessimistic minds. Then the company is just as good as anything the nineteenth hole contains. The ladies are charming, the gentlemen agreeable and the physical surroundings absolutely beyond comparison.

Poems That Endure

Untwisting all the chains that tie
The hidden soul of harmony.
—John Milton.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE

From aught that ever I could read,
Could ever hear by tale or history,
The course of true love never did run smooth:
But, either it was different in blood,
Or else misgraffed in respect of years;
Or else it stood upon the choice of friends;
Or, if there were a sympathy in choice,
War, death, or sickness did lay siege to it,
Making it momentary as a sound,
Swift as a shadow, short as any dream;
Brief as the lightning in the collied night,
That, in a spleen, unfolds both heaven and earth,
And ere a man hath power to say, Behold!
The jaws of darkness to devour it up:
So quick bright things come to confusion.
—William Shakespeare.

By the Way—

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"Bulls and Bears" of Stock Exchange

THE origin of the stock exchange terms, "bulls" and "bears," has never been satisfactorily explained. The phrase is of great antiquity and can be traced to one of Cibber's plays produced in 1720. It has been suggested that "bear" is a reference to the selling of the bear's skin before killing the bear, while a "bull" is supposed to be a speculator who buys stock for future delivery in the hope that the price will rise so that he can sell out at a profit without taking up and paying for the stock. Contangoes, which have been reintroduced, are the percentage paid by the buyer of stock for postponement of transfer day, the term being derived from the Spanish word "cinengo," meaning "I check."

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except over the proper signature and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Amusement Centre

Sir,—I notice that a lady named Beatrice Watts, of Foul Bay, asks three straight questions in connection with the Amusement Centre, and I have pleasure in giving the answers desired:

First—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company agrees to spend a minimum of $200,000 in connection with the scheme, but should the Amusement Centre cost more (and it no doubt will cost more), the C.P.R. must bear the entire expense.

Second—The C.P.R. at all times must pay all costs in connection with alterations or improvements of the Centre, irrespective of whether any profits are made in the operation of the plant, or not.

Third—Although no special provision is made for the presentation to the Council of an annual profit and loss account, this phase is taken care of in the arbitration clause, for should there be any dispute as to profits, etc., and the C.P.R. did not, on request (which is most unlikely), present a statement, the matter must be settled by peaceful arbitration.

As to the final query regarding the advantage of two tanks over one, I feel perfectly sure the company will operate the Centre to the very best advantage, for with a large investment at stake, it would hardly be in their own interest to do otherwise.

The Council welcomes all questions that might be asked, and replies will be given with pleasure. I can assure the lady inquirer and the electors generally that everything is open and above-board in connection with the agreement and that it contains no "jokers."

I hope the electorate will not let this great opportunity slip from their grasp and will turn out in force next Saturday and support the by-law. Apathy, or not turning out to vote because it might appear that the by-law is sure of an overwhelming majority and that every individual's support is not needed, may defeat the object.

REG. HAYWARD,
Mayor.

City Hall, Victoria, B.C. December 26, 1923.

Evangelical Mission

Sir,—In reading the account of the findings of the special committee appointed by the General Ministerial Association in Vancouver, one wonders what was the thought that led to this special committee being formed.

Was it for the purpose of actually finding out the percentage of people who have been permanently cured through Dr. Price's agency, or was it for the express purpose of belittling the good effects of his mission here and elsewhere?

As one of hundreds in Victoria who have every reason to be grateful for the privilege of attending those wonderful meetings at the Arena last Spring, and who, through his unmistakable genuineness and his own unquestioned faith, together with the strong appeals he made to that which is best in us, was the means of leading those hundreds to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

As one of the above, I say, I shall remember with gratitude as long as I can remember anything, that last Sunday service at the Arena.

If Dr. Price is a fraud, may the country be full of them; and that, I am sure, would have been the reply of ninety per cent of the thousands who attended that last service. My real idea in writing this letter was just to say to all, who, like myself, "surrendered all" that night, to hang on to the old rugged Cross.

Don't take any notice of these reports; never mind the sneers, the slurs, the sarcasm—think only of the Saviour to whom Dr. Price led you that evening. It would be interesting to know just how many ministers in Victoria today are not the better for coming into contact with the evangelist. You do not need them to tell you; you know it to be so. Whilst they were about it I would wish that the special committee had enlarged the scope of their inquiry and found out how many people had benefited spiritually by reason of Dr. Price's meetings.

We are so prone to believe the mean things said about people, and whether they prove right or wrong the suggestion, or rumor, or accusation has left its impression upon the minds of those who hear them; and so, if we cannot say anything good about a person, say nothing.

SYDNEY LINNELL.

2812 Shakespeare Street, Victoria, December 26, 1923.

Amusement Centre

Sir,—Origin: Set out in By-Laws Nos. 2210, 2211: Originators, City Council and Amusement Centre Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, in an appeal to Canadian Pacific Railway to investigate a proposal for its erection.

The company consented to make such investigation upon the passage of above by-laws, which provided in By-Law 2210 "The land and improvements of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, commonly known as the Empress Hotel, bounded by Government, Belleville, Douglas and Humboldt Streets, comprising nine acres, shall be exempt for the years 1923 and 1924 from all rates and taxes in excess of $10,000, except local improvement assessments, license fees and taxes for maintenance of cluster lights."

By-Law No. 2211 says: "During the years 1923 and 1924 the Canadian Pacific Railway Company shall be exempt from the payment of all amounts that may be levied, imposed or made chargeable, by the water rates by-laws or by-laws of the corporation in excess of $5,000 per annum, for water supplied in each of the said years 1923 and 1924 to the said company for the purposes of the Empress Hotel and the grounds and other buildings, including the laundry connected therewith."

City Hall statement of taxes charged Canadian Pacific Railway Empress Hotel property for 1923:

General taxes, 39.72 mills, on assessed value of land	$150,000.00
General taxes, 39.72 mills, on one-third value of improvements	268,667.00
Total	$426,667.00
39.72 mills on $426,667 equals	$25,367.85
Water maintenance, 2c per ft. on 2,301 ft.	46.02
Sewer frontage tax, 3c per ft., on 1,181 ft.	35.43
Sewer rental on 228 connections	228.00
	$25,673.30
Amount stipulated to be paid	10,000.00
Rebate or concession	$15,673.30
Water charges, hotel	$2,479.27
Water charges, laundry	5,267.51
Water charges, lawns	510.33
At rates quoted on statement	$8,256.91
Amount stipulated to be paid	5,000.00
Rebate or concession	3,256.91 3,256.91
Total rebate or concession per annum for 20 years	$18,930.91

Amounting in twenty years, with interest at six per cent compounded yearly for nineteen years, makes the Amusement Centre cost the ratepayers somewhere about $722,157, E. & O. E., and the Canadian Pacific Railway would still own it.

It is plain that the very exemption of these annual tax payments, plus new commitments, such as $10,000 for stock in Elk Lake Hotel, probably $10,000 more in links and park construction costs, $10,000 increase in cost of fire department due to legislation put through this session, etc., etc., involves higher taxation for the rest of us, to make this up, even though the ratepayer contributors remained stationary, when it is only reasonable to expect they will diminish until the unproductive property owners are extinguished.

Then again, it is more than likely the thirty per cent on value of improvements will have to be raised to at least fifty per cent, and here is where the Canadian Pacific Railway would be greatly benefited by escaping this increase, which they will do if they get "fixed taxation," for the value of their improvements is nearly two and a half times the value of their land, so instead of paying whatever the rate is on $288,667, they would be paying on $433,500, amounting to a difference of $5,712 per year at the present rate, to say nothing of the saving they would make if the rate is advanced on both land and improvements, a tidy sum in twenty years.

Whether the by-law is defeated or not, the city suffers a loss on the existing rebate for two years, close to $40,000, and the company makes that much of a saving, minus the cost of their investigation.

The whole proposition is delusive, unsound in principle and disastrous in practice, as well as pernicious discrimination, well calculated, however, to lure our distressed ratepayers into greater difficulties, confessedly originating with our representatives and not with the C. P. R., who have the faculty of knowing a good thing when they see it, and of getting hold of the jug handle side of the jug, as witness the bridge bargain, a "fixed sum" $100,000, when the cost of their side alone must be close to $275,000 or $300,000. How they must laugh in their sleeve at our simplicity when crossing over our "Bridge of Sighs"! One cannot blame them for not wanting to be partners with municipal management. They are one of the best business organizations in the world; more power to them!

We must not, however, allow the Canadian Pacific Railway to be the only one to run away with the only lifeboat we have, christened "reduced taxation," leaving us on a sinking ship. They must stay and take their turn at the pumps with the rest of us, and bring the good ship Victoria, so badly wrecked by mismanagement, into the harbor of common sense.

A brief survey will show we are well supplied with all the essentials for diversion and amusement—skating rink second to none, capable of being turned into and used as a first-class auditorium beyond our needs; first-class theatres; first-class golf links galore; first-class parks; first-class roads at enormous expense; all sorts of fine whiskies, wines and liquors; for seven or eight months an exceptionally fine climate, and the finest waterways and scenery, with splendid steamship service to visit them; with the exception of liquors, all managed by licensed private enterprise.

There is no justification for the municipality using public funds to enter into competition with them, unduly increasing the supply of any commodity, facility or service, making it impossible for any of them to be profitable. The ratepayers have been sacrificed on the altar of pleasure long enough.

There will be a continually increasing number of tourists come, if no further special efforts were made to attract them. The good roads and facilities for liquid refreshment are the main drawing cards.

Why not be satisfied with the development of Elk Lake this year; thoroughly thrash out the Amusement Centre scheme on a better basis, such as contributing the land only, or look at it from the point of view of competitive bids for it from rival railway companies. A year or two in a project of this kind is of little moment compared with the advantage of getting it on a sound basis. If ever there was a time when ratepayers should rouse themselves and take an interest in civic affairs it is now.

Probably the point raised of an undue concession developing by reason of the inevitable increase in the percentage on improvements to be taxed, or increase in rate, has escaped both parties, but it is altogether too important a point to ignore. A new by-law at a later date could remedy that.

JOHN DEAN.

Pacific Club, Victoria, B. C., Dec. 26, 1923.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Colonist of December 27, 1873)

The steamer Enterprise arrived on Christmas Day from New Westminster. She had a rough trip up on Tuesday, and had to lay over to escape the fury of the gale. The following is the passenger list: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Miss McMurphy, Capt. Raymur, Capt. Parsons, R. P. Rithet, H. Nelson, A. Watson, O. Jackson, A. T. Bushby, A. Hovey, Ryder Forsyth, J. Furness, R. Drew, Ritchie, W. H. Smith, T. Spence, Marwick, J. McClarty, C. McLeod.

Booked—The following passengers are booked for the Prince Alfred: Geo. Boole, J. H. Decker, D. Crist, W. Corthorn, Frank Fee, Capt. Morrison, J. McNaught, Mrs. McNaught, Capt. and Mrs. Parsons, H. McCartney, W. H. Baxter, W. Jamieson, Mrs. Ferguson, C. W. Wallace, and 14 in the steerage.

I.O.O.F.—At a meeting of the Dominion Lodge last night, G. Good was elected N.G.; J. Wrigglesworth, V.G.; T. N. Hibben, Treasurer.

Pre-Inventory Sale of Blankets and Linens

In order to effect an immediate clearance of many odd lines of Blankets and Linens, a Big Pre-Inventory Clearance begins in the Staple Goods Department this morning. Read the Sale news below and don't fail to benefit by these offerings of exceptional value.

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Calgary Reports No Organic Cures Made By Evangelist Price

CALGARY, Dec. 24.—No cures of organic disease were effected by Evangelist Price in his Calgary campaign. This is one of the findings of the investigation committee, consisting of members of the ministerial and medical associations and a layman, J. S. Arnold. The committee made a thorough investigation, in the course of which it held ten meetings, and its report is signed by all its members. It is noted that in some cases persons who were treated testified during the investigation that they felt better, but this result from certain mental effects is nothing new, the report observes, and has been on record for hundreds of years.

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MR. OWEN SPENCER DIES SUDDENLY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Spencer Passes Away on Christmas Day in Vancouver

Yesterday, the sad news was received by friends in the city that Mr. Owen Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Spencer, of Vancouver, had died after a very brief illness. His death occurred on Christmas evening.

The youngest of the family, he had just returned for his Christmas holidays from the East, where he has been in attendance at Ridley College, St. Catherines, Ont. He arrived home Sunday night. He was stricken with meningitis, and after a day's illness, passed away.

The deceased was only sixteen years of age. He was a native son of Victoria, where he spent the earlier years of his life.

OBITUARIES

HILLIER—The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Hillier, whose death took place last Sunday, took place yesterday afternoon, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1:55 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock services were conducted at St. John's Church by the Rev. Archdeacon J. H. Sweet. Relatives and many friends were present, and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held. The hymns sung were "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Messrs. E. Gamble, J. E. Ellis, G. A. A. Hebden, J. Hallaron, James Hallaron and J. N. Forde acted as pallbearers, and the remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

MONK—There passed away Tuesday, at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, Mrs. May Quinton Monk, aged 30 years, born in Manitoba and a resident of this city for the past three months, formerly from Salt Spring Island. The deceased is survived by, besides her husband, Mr. J. H. Monk, three daughters and one son, at home; a mother, at present in this city; three sisters in Manitoba, and one brother in Alberta. The funeral will take place on Saturday, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 1 o'clock, and at 2 o'clock services will be conducted at North Saanich Church.

UPWARD—The death took place yesterday at the family residence, 2765 Roseberry Avenue, of Joyce Florence, the six years and four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Upward. The little girl was born in this city, and is survived by, besides her parents, one brother. The funeral will take place on Friday at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. William Stevenson will officiate, and the little remains will be laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

POWERS—The remains of the late Mrs. Cecelia Powers, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on Sunday morning, were laid to rest in Ross Bay Cemetery yesterday afternoon. Service was held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, at 2:30 o'clock, when the Rev. J. McCoy, D.D., gave a very impressive address. The hymns sung were "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "Rock of Ages." There were many friends present and many beautiful floral designs covered the casket. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. H. H. Harman, I. J. J. Fisher, J. H. Comber and Robert Mason. The late Mrs. Powers was a native of New Brunswick, where she was born sixty-seven years ago, and had been a resident of this city for the past forty years. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Mr. George Leonard Powers, who is a patient in the Jubilee Hospital.

ISHII—The death took place yesterday morning at the family residence, 1134 Yates Street, of Mrs. Mitsu Ishii, aged fifty years, born in Japan and a resident of this city for the past twenty-six years. The deceased is survived by, besides her husband, Mr. K. Ishii, one son. The funeral will take place on Friday, at 3 o'clock, from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Rev. S. Nakalshi will officiate, and the remains will be forwarded to Seattle for cremation.

HOCKLEY—There passed away on Tuesday afternoon, at the family residence, at Langford, Mrs. Elizabeth Wanness Hockley, aged 87 years. She was born in England, and had resided at Langford for the past six years. The deceased is survived by one daughter at home and two sons. Service will be held at her late residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Colwood Cemetery.

COLBOURNE—The funeral of the late Sarah Colbourne, who passed away in this city on Sunday, was held on Wednesday afternoon from McCall Bros.' Funeral Home. Rev. F. H. Fatt conducted the service, after which the remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery, with the following friends as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Heater, J. Anderson, W. Anderson, W. Balcom, M. Keel and J. Shank.

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FORMER VICTORIAN DIES

Mr. William Marvin Passes Away in Los Angeles—Was in Business Here

Intelligence has just been received here of the death of Mr. William Marvin, a former resident in this city, who passed away in Los Angeles, California, on Christmas Day. Pioneers of Victoria will remember the late Mr. Marvin, who resided here in the early days, leaving for the south twenty-seven years ago. He was a member of the firm of Marvin & Tilton, local hardware merchants, and upon arriving in California, he became associated with the hardware concern of Hayden, Carrigan & Company. He was fifty-five years of age. He leaves to mourn his loss, besides his widow, a son and daughter, all of whom reside in California, and a brother, Edgar, who is living in Europe.

Christmas Brought Only Despondency to Eight Would-Be Suicides

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Despondency, seemingly made more unbearable by the scenes of Christmas cheer on all sides caused eight persons to attempt suicide during the holiday, police said. Four men inhaled gas, one woman leaped from a roof, another drank poison, and an unidentified man threw himself beneath a subway train, the official records state. Five died immediately, and the others are said to be in a critical condition.

French Senate Receives Budget Showing Surplus Of Half Million Francs

PARIS, Dec. 26.—France's budget for the next year, submitted to the Senate today by its finance commission, shows a surplus of 568,000,000 francs. The receipts are given as 23,250,000,000 francs, against expenses of 23,382,000,000.

The favorable balance is obtained by a steady increase in tax collections. The expenses include about 300,000,000 francs increase allowances for government employees on account of the high cost of living.

Fall Proves Fatal

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Falling backwards on a cement stairway in a local theatre yesterday, a woman, who is thought to be Mrs. A. Jennings, 45, of Verdun, suffered a broken neck, and died almost instantly.

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City and District

British Campaigners—The British Campaigners' Association's regular monthly meeting is cancelled. The annual general meeting is called for the fourth Thursday in January.

Give Tree Tonight—The Salvation Army Sunday school will give the annual Christmas tree entertainment tonight in the Broad Street Citadel, commencing at 7:45.

Post Office Busy—The post office had one of its busiest days yesterday, according to Postmaster Bishop. During the day between sixty-four and sixty-five thousand letters went through the cancelling machine.

Christmas Cheque—A cheque for $150 from Mr. R. H. Pooley has been received by the Esquimalt Friendly Help Society. This came to hand after other Christmas donations had been acknowledged.

Ward Six Ratepayers—The annual meeting of Ward Six, Saanich, will be held in the Temperance Hall, Keating, this evening at 8 o'clock. All ratepayers of Ward Six are invited. Candidates for councillor and trustees will be nominated.

Overseas Mail—Thirty-five bags of letters and thirty-five bags of papers reached the Postoffice yesterday from the Old Country. Two consignments were included, one having left Southampton on December 13 and the other, Liverpool, on December 13.

Grows Lemons Here—Mrs. J. D. Reid is displaying a three-quarter pound lemon, twelve and a half inches in circumference, which she grew in her house, "Glen Rosa," Metchosin. Mrs. Reid says the lemon plant has fifteen bunches of blossoms.

Hurt In Collision—The young son of Captain Jaynes, of the Salvation Army, sustained a slight cut in his head in a collision which occurred shortly after 7 o'clock last evening, at the corner of Richardson and Moss streets, between his father's car, which he was driving, and a car being driven by Mr. R. Inwood, 976 Heywood Avenue. Both cars were slightly damaged.

Rotarienne Party—Today's luncheon of the Victoria Rotary Club will take the form of a ladies' Christmas meeting, taking place in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, commencing at 12:10 p.m. An experienced committee has planned a programme that will make this function different from any Christmas gathering in the club's history. All Rotarians and Rotariennes are expected to be present.

Legion Christmas Party—The Victoria branch of the Canadian Legion will hold its annual Christmas tree entertainment for the kiddies this afternoon, from 4 until 7 o'clock, in its club premises, 1406 Douglas Street. A splendid programme that will bring joy and happiness to the hearts of their young guests will be presented, and Santa Claus will be present and will bring along with him his bag laden with gifts for the youngsters.

Masons Choose Officers—The annual installation of the officers of Vancouver and Quadra Lodge A. F. and A. M., No. 2, G.R.B.C., will take place tonight at 7:30 o'clock, under the presidency of R.W. Bro. W. H. F. Richdale, D.D.G.M. The ceremony will take place at the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, on account of the alternations taking place at the Masonic Temple. The usual banquet will follow the installation.

Open Christmas Party—The Royal Society of St. George will hold a Christmas party this evening at 8 o'clock in Christ Church schoolroom. There will be old English games, interesting musical items, and refreshments will be provided. The president, Dean C. S. Quainton, will be present. An invitation is extended not only to members of the society, but to visitors, and particularly to those who are without friends or relatives in the city.

Jitney Men Protest—Objection was recorded at last night's meeting of the Victoria Police Commission by two motorists representing the jitney drivers of Quadra Street, against the practice of the Saanich Lakehill buses in carrying passengers between points within the city limits. They claimed that the practice was against regulations set forth in the city by-law covering the operation of jitneys and buses. The question was referred to the city solicitor for report.

Police Report—Convictions in the Victoria Police Court, according to the monthly report of the desk sergeant for November, totalled ninety-four. Nineteen cases were dismissed. One hundred and sixty-five calls were made by the patrol wagon. Serious accidents reported numbered twenty, and first aid was rendered by the police in sixteen cases. Fines collected totalled $1,868.50, infractions of the Government Liquor Act accounting for most of the sum, $1,075.

Legion Tree Today—The Canadian Legion has completed arrangements to entertain more than three hundred children, including many war orphans, in the club rooms today, from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be games and a programme of music, and special features such as will delight every child. Ample refreshments will be provided, and a seasonable gift made to each child. Santa Claus will superintend the disrobing of the Christmas tree, which will glitter with its twinkling lights. There is every promise of an enjoyable time for all.

Motor Vehicles Stolen—Search is being made for an automobile and a motorcycle which were stolen sometime Christmas night. Mr. R. Shankland, 521 Obed Street, left his Gray-Dort car, licence number 2257, parked on Government Street, near the Pantages Theatre late Christmas Day, and when he went for it at 7:30 o'clock it was gone. Sometime between 8 o'clock Christmas evening and 2 o'clock yesterday morning, an Excelsior motorcycle, licence number 59, and owned by Mr. R. Symons, 1732 Bank Street, was taken from where it had been parked, opposite St. Andrew's cathedral. It was painted blue.

Theft Charges Remanded—James Welsh, charged before Magistrate Jay yesterday with the retention of several packets of tobacco, alleged to have been stolen from William Etheridge, of the Frisco Bar, Outer Wharf, was remanded for judgment until this morning. Evidence was given that the place was entered last Sunday night and tobacco and cigarettes to the value of $30 taken. Four similar packets to those thus stolen were found in the cabin of the fishing boat, hauled up at the foot of Erie Street, in which the defendant makes his home. The defendant stoutly maintained his innocence; but admitted that he had been drinking, and could not say just how he had come by the tobacco. Alfred Weston pleaded not guilty and was remanded until today on a charge of retaining possession of one turkey, knowing the same to have been stolen from Lee Dun, 536 Johnson Street.

Special Xmas Dinners, $1.00, 5.30 to 8. Strathcona Cafe.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS CHILDREN'S WARD

Christmas Eve Was Exciting Time for the Little Patients at the Jubilee Hospital

If there did not continue to be children in the world what a lonely and embittered old gentleman Santa Claus would become! As it is, even he must suffer a few little twinges of heartache every year when he visits ing the dear old jolly man's arrival, really no more room left.

tots of three and four to be met by the cold "I-see-through-you" eye of disillusioned eleven and twelve.

Fortunately there are some places where the family never grows up. The children's ward of the Jubilee Hospital is one of these happy spots. What is the pain of a broken arm or a maimed leg to the joy of deep faith in Father Christmas. On Christmas Eve the little patients forgot all about these discomforts and the "stuffiness" of having to lie still for so many long hours under the hot blankets in the excitement of awaiting the dear old jolly man's arrival. The setting of the scene for Santa had caused no end of excitement long before he actually made his appearance. The ward had to be garnished with holly and red Christmas bells and evergreens, and twinkling blue and red lights. Mysterious figures hurried softly about the dimly-lighted room on inexplicable missions which still further helped to screw curiosity to the last pitch of endurance. Then the visitors began to arrive, and suddenly, between the half-sleep of an unguarded moment, the great Christmas tree, enfolded in a perfect web of fairy lights and glinting tinsel, stood revealed in the middle of the room.

More Visitors

This was the time to sit up and take notice. More visitors arrived. Mr. George McGregor, president of the Hospital Board, and other members of the directorate—Mrs. Rhodes, Messrs. Drake, Roberts, Conyers and Brown; Dr. Pearse, superintendent of the hospital; Miss Gregory-Allen, acting lady superintendent; then grown-up patients, some wheeled in invalid chairs; more nurses from the other wards, fathers, mothers, big brothers and sisters—until there was really no more room left.

Last of all came Santa Claus, a jolly figure, not a whit altered since last year, and as light and quick on his feet as if he were twenty instead of—well something like hundreds of years old! He was in a tremendous hurry, as usual, and it made one absolutely dizzy to try to listen to the names as he called them out. Everything was cleared from the tree and from the big pile of parcels under it shortly after 9 o'clock, and by 9:30 the grown-up patients were being wheeled off to their own wards and the guests were singing "God Save the King."

One of the very pretty parts of the programme was given by the nurses, who circled the Christmas tree, each nurse carrying a lighted candle, singing carols, and there were two or three trios by some of the specially selected voices. One small girl recited very prettily. Actually seeing Santa Claus and the absorbing occupation of delightfully mysterious parcels tied with gay ribbon and with gay stickers stuck all over them were the chief excitements of the evening, however, and the fatigue of it all proved so overwhelming for one or two of the smaller youngsters that they were discovered fast asleep with their treasures beside them before the last visitors had left the ward.

The decorations of the ward, the beautiful Christmas tree, the children's presents, the festive appearance of the corridors all through the hospital, were the handiwork of the Daughters of Pity, the Order which has done so much for the little patients at the Jubilee for so many years past.

Another delightful custom in connection with the Jubilee Hospital Christmas celebration occurred on Christmas morning at 5 o'clock, when about eighty of the nurses in training made the round of the corridors and wards singing the old Christmas carols, a practice which is always much appreciated by the patients, whether young or old.

Five Hundred Gallons Of Moonshine Dumped

BRIDGEBURG, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fish in the Niagara River were regaled with a rare bath last week-end when over 500 gallons of moonshine whisky, seized by dry agents, were consigned to the river. Observers who got a whiff of the stuff did not know who had cause to rejoice, those who were saved from consuming the liquor or the fish. The same observers were inclined to believe that the fish would not be happy.

Teaching Christianity Only Safeguard Against Bolsheviki and Radicals

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24. — "That teaching of Christianity to the children was the only safeguard of the British Empire and British constitutional authority against infidelity, Bolshevism and radicalism of every description," was the assertion made by Rev. Canon Bertal-Heeney, of St. Luke's Church, when preaching at a Christmas service here yesterday.

Only one-half of the wage earners of the United States work more than 48 hours a week.

Under the Clock

City Hall Activities in Brief

The City Council will meet on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to deal with the supplementary estimates by-law which must be passed to cover the transfers from one item of the estimates to another during the course of the year. The special meeting is necessary in order that the by-law may be finally passed before the end of the year. This will be done at the last of the 1923 meetings on Monday afternoon at 3:30, when the amusement centre by-law will also be finally passed if approved by the ratepayers.

The 1924 Council will hold its first meeting on the first Monday in January—the 7th of the month—as provided by statute. The swearing in, Mayor Hayward announced yesterday, will take place on January 5, and up to that time the 1923 Council will remain in office but will not deal with any matters of importance.

As far as possible this year's committees of the Council will remain unchanged in 1924, Mayor Hayward said yesterday. He believes that the experience of the committees in their respective spheres should be utilized and that needless changes would not be in the best interests of the city.

The Building and Grounds Committee of the 1924 City School Board will hold its first meeting this afternoon.

An informal dinner is being given this evening in the Dominion Hotel by Mayor Hayward for the heads of departments, the ladies of the City Hall staff, the members of the 1923 Council, and representatives of the 1923 Police Commission and School Board. Mrs. Hayward will be present at the function, which is to be of a purely social nature.

Golf in India

The following is from The Empire, Calcutta:

"A match which aroused great local interest was played at Tollypore recently, the players in question representing the maximum handicaps of their respective teams. The weather was hot and dry, but a large gallery, in the same condition, assembled to witness the match. At the first hole, 353 yards, Mr. Mansell led off with a low, bumping shot to within 150 yards of the pin. Mr. Clare drove to the edge of the tee. Twenty minutes afterwards the hole was halved in 14. Mr. Clare took the lead in the third, Mr. Mansell having just missed a putt of an inch. At the next, the short hole, Mr. Mansell struck his seventh into the nullah, and, taking ten to get out, became two down, his opponent having holed out in a lucky 15. With his drive at the sixth, Mr. Mansell struck a spectator who had stupidly been standing at right angles to the tee. On the eighth green, Mr. Clare skied his putt and lost the hole. A mechanical eleven followed, and Mr. Clare turned one up. At the tenth, playing a determined game, Mr. Mansell smashed his brassie. At the eleventh, Mr. Clare drove a divot 150 yards. Approaching from the edge of the thirteenth green, Mr. Clare made the longest shot of the match. At the fourteenth, Mr. Mansell teed a dozen 'Professionals' before clearing the tank; Mr. Clare, who went round by the Bamboos, winning in 19. The long hole was halved in 25. Late in the day Mr. Mansell drove into the last bunker on the course, Mr. Clare followed with the like. Here, for the next half-hour, play was of an even nature. Then Mr. Mansell sent for a new niblick. After the landslip the umpire decided to postpone the match, and declared an interval, while the competitors, in company with the few still undefeated spectators, inspected the nineteenth hole."

Venice's Famous Band May Be Dissolved

VENICE, Dec. 26.—The famous Municipal Band of Venice may be dissolved. Stern measures of economy are being imposed on the city by Royal Commissioner Giordano. The citizenry and the newspapers are up in arms against curtailment of the world famous musical organization which has figured for more than a century in Venetian life, playing nightly during the Summer on St. Mark's Square.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24. — James Muirhead is chairman of the Vancouver branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada, having been elected by civil engineers of the city by recent ballot for office in 1924.

THE WEATHER

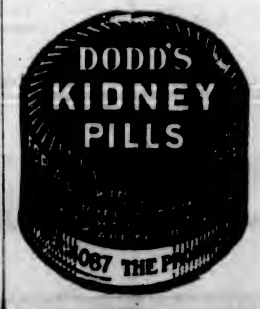
Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 26, 1923.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer remains abnormally low over Northern British Columbia, and colder temperatures are becoming general on the Prairies.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max
Victoria	34	46
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	24	28
Barkerville	14	16
Prince Rupert	24	34
Estevan	32	44
Dawson, Y.T.	16b	14b
Calgary, Alta.	14	34
Winnipeg, Man.	6b	4
Portland, Ore.	34	44
San Francisco, Cal.	44	54
Seattle, Wash.	34	46
Atlin	14	28
Penticton	18	32
Grand Forks	22	38
Nelson	24	32
Kaslo	18	24
Edmonton, Alta.	4b	8
Prince Albert, Sask.	8b	4b
TUESDAY		
Maximum		46



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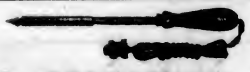

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Minimum on the grass	33

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Rain, .14 inch.
General state of the weather, cloudy.

WEDNESDAY

Maximum	45
Minimum	34
Average	40
Minimum on the grass	29

Bright sunshine, 3 hours, 10 minutes.
Rain, .03 inch.
General state of the weather, cloudy.

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MOTOR COLLISION LEADS TO ARREST

Christmas Day Accident on Douglas Street Lands Two Passengers in Hospital and Driver in Court

As the result of a motor accident on Douglas Street, Christmas Day, John Cook, 2430 Roseberry Avenue, and Robert Baldwin, 628 Johnson Street, are lying injured in the Jubilee Hospital; Bernard Baldwin, 1346 Hillside Avenue, is confined to his home with a sprained ankle; while Harold Washington, driver of the McLaughlin car in which the four men were driving, faces a charge of wanton and reckless driving.

Mr. Washington, who is charged under a section of the Criminal Code, which inflicts imprisonment without the option of a conviction, appeared before Magistrate Jay yesterday. He was defended by Mr. F. C. Elliott, who obtained a remand until tomorrow. Bail was granted in the sum of $200.

The accident narrowly escaped being a fatal one, according to police reports. As it is, Mr. Cook has sustained a fractured leg, and Mr. Robert Baldwin is badly gashed about the mouth. Messrs. Bernard Baldwin and Washington are less severely injured. Both men were bruised and cut about the head. All four were attended by Dr. J. F. Grant. The men are all middle-aged, the Messrs. Baldwin being twin brothers.

Mr. Washington and his friends were driving north on Douglas Street, about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. As they approached the intersection of Princess Avenue, a car and trailer truck, driven by a Chinaman, George Mow, made to reverse his direction ahead of Mr. Washington's heavy McLaughlin car. A rear-end collision followed. One of the hind wheels of the truck was taken clean off. The McLaughlin went on for a distance of forty-five feet, where it struck a telephone pole, which it cut off at the base. The front part of the McLaughlin car was wrecked. The Chinese driver and his companion escaped without injury.

REBUKES GROUCHERS FROM OLD COUNTRY

Britisher Points Out That Only Few Hundred Immigrants Out of 12,000 Dissatisfied

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—The Globe this morning says that W. H. G. Roger, a recent Scottish immigrant to Canada, in a letter to The Edinburgh Scotsman, takes exception to the action of British harvesters who have returned to the Old Country with tales of hardship and suffering, endured this year while in the Dominion. After pointing out that of 12,000 Britishers who came under the Canadian Government scheme, only five hundred to one thousand had gone back. Mr. Roger says:

"These few have made noise and trouble so out of proportion to their numbers that many must have been led to believe that they were voicing the feelings of the harvesters in general. Few seem to give a thought to what has become of the still remaining 11,000 of which little or nothing is heard.

Plucky Ones at Work

"The fact is these men are so busily engaged working that they have not had time for talking or writing. They have been sensible enough and plucky enough to take what they could get in the meantime, rough though it may be, and are confident that they have every prospect of making good in Canada in the future.

"Of course, it is inadvisable for anyone to come out who is not prepared to rough it; and it must be understood that the situations offered do not by any means absorb the man in the trades or professions for which they are fitted or trained, such placing being impossible at this time of year owing to the seasonable slackening of trade. However, if the work offered, continues to be taken advantage of for the time being, it is a certainty that those desirous of obtaining employment in their respective vocations will have ample opportunity and will be in a position to do so in the Spring when they can launch out into whatever occupation they desire, with every chance of success and confidence that they will be satisfied."

Avalanches In Alps Prove Destructive

BERNE, Dec. 24.—The series of devasting avalanches in the Alpine region is continuing. A number of houses were swept away at Lexeprey, in the Canton of Vaud. The bodies of a man and his wife, who occupied one of these dwellings were found enveloped in their bed clothes 500 feet away.

Slide Kills Nine

CHAMBERY, France, Dec. 24.—An avalanche today carried away a cottage between Roseland and Beaufort, thirty miles northest of Chambery, killing nine of the eleven occupants of the building. The deep snow has blocked several miles of the railroad running into Chamonix, and troops have been called out to help in clearing the tracks.

A SIGNIFICANT EVENT

The Ford Motor Company of Canada has turned out its first new car in the new factory in Ford City, Ont. The assembly line has been established in the huge new building; production has begun. "This means a good deal to the Border Cities and in a broader sense to all Canada," is the opinion of The Border Cities Star. "Mr. Henry Ford, who has a quaint way of saying things, declares that the business of making automobiles is 'just nicely getting started.' Nor do we hear any more talk about the saturation point in the automobile market. Its possibility used to worry the makers a great deal a few years ago, but now, apparently, that bogey is laid. The world is a big place, and not half of it has been put on rubber tires as yet. Doing so will be a big job, and Canada will have a part of it. That's the significance of the new Ford factory. It is but an earnest of what will come later."

Wolves Invade Towns

NAPLES, Dec. 24.—Wolves driven from the mountains by the exceedingly cold weather have invaded some of the villages surrounding Naples. Several of the beasts entered houses on the outskirts of the city, but were beaten off with poles. They then invaded several barns, killing goats.

Phone 1670—Private Exchange Connecting All Departments

Year-End Sale of Women's Ready-to-Wear Millinery, Footwear, Children's Wear and Men's and Boys' Clothing

Extraordinary Bargains in Women's

FUR-TRIMMED COATS

Values to $25.00 for $15.95

Women's and Misses' Coats in smart styles, made from good quality velour and blanket cloth in wrap-around and belted models, crushable collars of beaverette fur, trimmed with cable stitching, full lined. Come in reindeer, new blue, brown, navy, sand and black. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale **$15.95**

Values to $39.50 for $24.95

Stylish models of velour cloth, trimmed in the season's newest effects; long roll and choker collars, with deep cuffs of beaverine; full lined. In all the popular shades. Sizes to 40. Values to $39.50. Year-End Sale **$24.95**

Values to $49.50 for $33.95

All the newest models in straight and wrap-around styles, with large sleeves, new collars and deep cuffs of beaverine. Made from all-wool fabrics such as velour, bolivia and marvella cloth in styles and sizes suitable for women and misses. In the season's newest shades. Sizes 16 to 40. Values to $49.50. Year-End Sale **$33.95**

Oxfords, Strap Shoes and Lace Boots

At Year-End Reductions

Women's Oxfords, $2.98

Black Kid and Tan Russian Calfskin Oxfords, in street style, stout welted soles and smart Cuban heels, uppers made from carefully selected leather. Sizes 3 to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair **$2.98**

Women's Grey Shoes, $3.98

Included in this group are Grey Suede Brogues, Grey Buck Oxfords, One-Strap and Sandal Strap Slippers, in the latest cut-out effects, with covered heels in Spanish or low sandal effect; sizes 3 to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair **$3.98**

Women's Smart Oxfords and Strap Pumps, $4.98

Footwear in popular styles, in patent leather, black vici kid, tan Russian calfskin and black Russia calf. A fine selection in sandals, Oxfords and one-strap pumps with low, Cuban and military heels; sizes 2½ to 7. Year-End Sale, per pair **$4.98**

Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps, $5.98

A wide range of dress and walking styles, including Black Kid, Brown Calfskin, Black Satin and Patent Leather Oxfords and Strap Pumps, with welted and turn soles, Cuban, Spanish and French heels; sizes 3 to 8. Year-End Sale, per pair **$5.98**

—Main Floor

'Salt's' Seal Plush Coats Values to $49.50 for $24.75

Made from excellent quality Salt's seal plush, guaranteed not to spot with rain; full back models with narrow belt in front, large sleeves finished with deep cuffs, soft crushable collars; full lined; sizes 38 to 46. Values to $49.50. Year-End Sale **$24.75**

Another group of these smart coats with large choker and long roll collars of dyed opossum; full lined; sizes to 46. Values to $69.60. Year-End Sale **$34.75**

FUR-TRIMMED SUITS HALF PRICE

Misses' Velour Suit
Wrap-around coat trimmed with beaverine, in reindeer; size 16. Value $49.50. Year-End Sale **$24.75**

Misses' Model Suit of Chinese Velour
Caracul collar, silk lined; size 16. Value $59.50. Year-End Sale **$29.75**

Smart Model Box Suit of Navy Cloth
Trimmed with chenille embroidery, tan wolf collar, silk lined; size 38. Value $59.50. Year-End Sale **$29.75**

Novelty Suit of Seal Velour
Handsomely trimmed with vari-colored, tinted squirrel collar; size 42. Value $75.00. Year-End Sale **$37.50**

Novelty Suit of Toast Duvetyn
Wrap-over coat, fox shawl collar, wrap skirt; silk lined; size 36. Value $75.00. Year-End Sale **$37.50**

Year-End Sale of Millinery

Hundreds of Beautiful Winter Hats Selling at One-Third and One-Half Regular Prices

Ready-to-Wear Hats

Values to $5.00. Year-End Sale **$1.50**

Semi-Trimmed Hats

Values to $8.50. Year-End Sale **$2.50**

Values to $10.00. Year-End Sale **$3.50**

Trimmed Hats

Values to $12.50. Year-End Sale **$5.00**

Values to $15.00. Year-End Sale **$7.50**

Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale **$10.00**

—2nd Floor

Women's Piccadilly Trench Coats, $9.98

Made from good quality khaki gabardine, in fawn shade only. Loose back models with all-round belt, two-way collar, set-in sleeves, double-breast, trimmed with leather buttons; full lined; sizes to 46. Suitable for all kinds of weather. Values to $15.00. Year-End Sale **$9.98**

Sports and Tailored Skirts for $5.95

In striped, checked and plain materials such as wool crepe, gabardine, homespun and prunella cloth. Tailored and pleated styles in combination colors; suitable for street, golf and skating; waist sizes 26 to 32. Values to $10.95. Year-End Sale **$5.95**

Afternoon Frocks

Values to $35.00 for $18.95

Smart new models featuring long graceful lines, with straight and irregular skirt hems, pleated panels, novelty girdles, new necks and sleeves; in materials of flat and Canton crepe and taffeta. Suitable for afternoon and informal wear; in black, navy, brown and cocoa; sizes 17, 18 and 20. Values to $35.00. Year-End Sale

$18.95

—2nd Floor

Handsome French Tunics at Substantial Reductions

Our entire stock of French Tunics has been reduced in price. They come in lovely beaded and sequin effects, in black, ivory and iridescent effects.

Values to $17.50. Sale Price **$11.98**
Values to $27.50. Sale Price **$19.50**
Values to $35.00. Sale Price **$24.50**

—Main Floor

Men's Suits

With Two Pairs of Trousers

Just about 65 suits in the lot, comprising tweeds in all shades and also all-wool Irish serges. Smart models and every suit carefully tailored and trimmed; all sizes in the lot. Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale

$19.85

—Main Floor

GIRLS' COATS and DRESSES

Greatly Reduced

Children's Coats, Special, $3.98

Warm and durable, made from good quality blanket cloth, lined throughout; in straight or belted styles; in shades of rose and taxe. Values to $5.50. Year-End Sale **$3.98**

Girls' Winter Coats, Special, $6.98

Smart coats in blanket cloth, novelty back with belt in front, fur collar and cuffs; sizes 6 and 7 years. Other smart styles in velour and blanket cloth, trimmed with cable stitching and embroidery, convertible collar, slash pockets and all-round belt, in shades of sand, reindeer and brown; sizes 6 to 14 years. Values to $10.50. Year-End Sale **$6.98**

Girls' Trench Coats, Special, $6.98

"British Make," of splendid quality gabardine, full plaid lining, convertible collar, slash pockets and all-round belt; in tan only; sizes 8 to 14 years. Values to $10.50. Year-End Sale **$6.98**

Girls' Navy Serge Dresses, Special, $2.98

Made from strong quality navy blue serge, round neck, long sleeves, narrow girdle, fastens at side, front trimmed with colored stitching; sizes 6 to 14 years. Value $3.98. Special at **$2.98**

—2nd Floor

Extra Bloomers With These Boys' Sturdy Suits at $5.95

Boys' Suits With Extra Bloomers

66 Suits, tailored from strong union and all-wool tweeds, in grey, brown and fawn. Smart belted coats with two pairs of full lined bloomers. Sizes to fit boys 8 to 15 years. Value $9.95. Year-End Sale, with extra pair of bloomers **$5.95**

Boys' "Armor Clad" and "Kloth "Klad" Suits

These two famous makes in all-wool tweeds, in grey, brown and mixture shades. Tailored just like dad's, and lined with wool fabrics. All smart models and every suit new stock; sizes to fit boys 8 to 14 years. Values $16.50. Year-End Sale **$12.95**

Big Boys' Overcoats

Smart belted models in light lovat and fawn shades. Coats made just like the men's higher priced models; 15 only, in sizes 33 to 36. Value $18.50. Year-End Sale **$13.95**

Values to $22.50. Year-End Sale Price **$16.95**

—Main Floor

Men's English Overcoats

At Year-End Sale Prices

Made from all-wool grey overcoating, and lined with all-wool polo cloth. Smart plain back, single breasted coats, suitable for walking or driving. All sizes. Value $25.00. Year-End Sale,

$19.85

Men's English Gabardine Coats

Double breasted belted models, with button-on separate wool lining; also interlined with oiled cotton to make waterproof. The best coat for Winter wear. All sizes. Value $25.00. Year-End Sale,

$19.85

—Main Floor

A Bargain in Heavy Mackinaw Coats

Made from heavy wool mackinaw in Norfolk belted style with shawl collar. Shown in brown shades with small checks. All sizes. Values to $11.50. Year-End Sale **$7.95**

Men's Rubberized Tweed Coats

Looks just like a tweed coat on the outside, heavily rubberized to make waterproof. Shown in dark grey and brown shades in belted models; all sizes. Year-End Sale **$7.95**

—Main Floor

Purity Groceries

Five Roses, Royal Household and Purity Flour, 98-lb. sack **$3.65**
49-lb. sack **$1.88**
24-lb. sack ..... **95¢**

Finest Quality B. C. Granulated Sugar, 100-lb. sack for **$10.00**
20-lb. paper sack **$2.03**

Hudson's Bay Company's Special Breakfast Tea, per lb. ..... **55¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.60**

Freshly Roasted Pure Coffee, per lb. ..... **35¢**
3 lbs. for **$1.00**

Campbell's Tomato Soup, new season's pack, tin, **14¢**
12 tins for **$1.59**

Purity Brand Free Running Table Salt, **2** cartons for **25¢**

La Parfait Brand Pure Castile Soap, per bar, **22¢**

Del Monte Brand Pork and Beans, per tin ..... **14¢**
3 tins for ..... **40¢**

Classic Cleanser, **3** tins **25¢**

Finest Quality Imported Flake Tapioca, per lb., **17¢**
3 lbs. for ..... **50¢**

Quakers' Brand Canned Tomatoes, **3** tins for **40¢**

Del Monte Brand Minnesota Crosby Corn, per tin, **21¢**
3 tins for ..... **60¢**

Carnation Brand Evaporated Milk, **3** large tins **35¢**

Fancy Quality Sockeye Salmon, ½-lb. flat tin, **19¢**

—Lower Main Floor

Hudson's Bay Company.

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Social Events

Ladies' Musical Club

The Ladies' Musical Club are holding their December Saturday musical this week at the home of Miss Agnew, "Shuhum," Rockland Avenue. The programme, which is in excellent hands, will begin at 3:30, and will be followed by tea. Members are allowed to bring friends, and are encouraged to do so, as the proceeds from these monthly teas are for the benefit of an aged musician of the city who is very ill.

Celebrates Noel

Mr. Noel Bagshawe, who has been in Los Angeles for the last three and a half years, arrived home in time to celebrate his birthday, Christmas Day, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. B. Bagshawe, 1034 Richardson Street, and will remain here for the next two weeks or so. Mr. Bagshawe thinks that Victoria has a very much more prosperous look than when he was last here a year ago last June.

To Marry in London

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. White, of Gordon Head, formerly of Winnipeg, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Alice Florence (Lalla), to Lieutenant and Flying Officer Gustaven Ebden Fitzgerald Boyes, R.G.A., R.A.F., only son of G. F. Boyes, Esq., J.P., and Mrs. Boyes of Capetown, South Africa. The wedding will take place in London, England, early in March.

Here From Calgary

Mrs. R. B. Maynard (nee Lily Brocklebank), of Calgary, Alberta, is a guest of Mrs. B. Brocklebank, of 1519 Point Street, and during the remaining two weeks of her visit hopes to renew acquaintance with her old friends.

Christmas Meets

Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett entertained a few friends at dinner on Christmas at their home on Beach Drive. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. Vibart, Mrs. and Mrs. Billings, Colonel and Mrs. Eaton, the Misses McClymont.

Visits Vancouver

Mr. Glen C. Holland, of Victaria, spent Christmas with his wife and family, who are visiting Mrs. Holland's parents, Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, "Parkside," Vancouver. He will return to the Capital today.

Returns From East

Capt. Carvosso has returned to Victoria after spending the past few months in Kingston. Mrs. Carvosso went to Vancouver to meet him, and at present they are the guests of the latter's father, Major Harvey.

Here From Vancouver

Mr. Kenneth Macdonald, son of Chief Justice and Mrs. Macdonald, Pamberton Road, arrived in Victoria for Christmas and is staying with his parents for a few days.

From Columbian College

Miss R. A. Collingridge, teacher of pianoforte in the music department of Columbian College, New Westminster, is spending the Christmastide with friends in Victoria.

Here From Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Don Montgomery, of Chicago, are guests of Mrs. Montgomery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Buller, 439 Kingston Street.

Have From Mainland

Mr. J. L. Delahunty arrived from the Mainland Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

SIDNEY

From Prairies

Mr. Wilson Armstrong, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong, East Saanich Road, has arrived from Saskatchewan to visit his parents for a month or two.

Vancouver Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Banks, of Vancouver, are visiting at the home of Mr. A. MacDonald, who is a brother of Mrs. Banks.

SALT SPRING ISLAND

From Nanaimo

Major Bruce Irving, of Nanaimo, paid a short visit to the Island during last week, a guest of Harbor House, and left on Saturday with Mrs. Irving for South Pender to spend Christmas.

Opens Shop

Last Saturday Mr. W. Stuart, of Beaver Point, opened a butcher shop at Ganges, where he will carry on business Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Arrive on Island

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Leyton and their son, of Victoria, arrived on Saturday for a week's holiday on the Island. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crofton, Harbor House.

At Lake House

Mr. Pascal de Noe Walker arrived on Friday and is spending a few days at his property on St. Mary's Lake.

From Victoria

Miss Honor Nash and Mr. Nash, of Victoria, arrived on Monday and are guests for Christmas of their sister, Mrs. Inglis, of Vesuvius Bay.

From City

Miss Gwen Blizard, of Victoria, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blizard, of North Salt Spring Island, for Christmas.

Leaves for Victoria

Mr. S. Carter, of Ganges, left on Monday for Victoria, where he will spend a few days, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Shade.

Go to Vancouver

The Rev. J. and Mrs. Stordley, of Ganges, left last week for Vancouver, where they will visit friends until the end of the month.

Guest for Christmas

Mr. Taylor, of Victoria, is a guest for Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, of Vesuvius Bay.

CHEMAINUS

Holiday on Mainland

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Carr-Hilton are spending a holiday with Mrs. Hilton's father, Mr. Mouat, Vancouver.

Christmas With Parents

Miss Norah Dwyer is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dwyer, Duncan.

Few Days in Victoria

Mrs. H. B. Rogers and Master Harry Rogers are spending a few days in Victoria.

From Port Hammond

Mr. William Smith, of Port Hammond, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. E. Smith.

Home for Christmas

Miss Annie Gallant, who has been spending a holiday in Vancouver, returned home for Christmas.

From Genoa Bay

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, of Genoa Bay, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. David Murray.

Returns Home

Mrs. Dobinson has returned home after being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. Gamlea, Victoria, for two weeks.

Visiting Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hislip and Miss Doris Hislip are visiting in Vancouver.

On Mainland

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehouse are spending a few days in Vancouver.

Visiting Parents

Mr. Arthur Howe, Jr., of Victoria, is spending a week with his parents.

Home From Duncan

Miss Grace McInnes is home from Duncan for the holidays.

Those Who Come and Go

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peabody, of Seattle, passed through the city yesterday on their way to Chemainus, called there by the serious illness of Mr. E. J. Palmer.

Mr. A. J. Bird, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. A. E. Holness, of Saskatoon, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Winsby and family are spending the Christmas holidays with friends in this city. Mr. Winsby is connected with the Union Bank at Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Corgiat, of Oakland, Cal., are at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Elsie R. G. Johnston, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. F. W. McNeill, of Vancouver, is at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. H. W. Martin, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. A. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton, of Tinpot, Sask.; Mr. W. A. Gullet and son, Mrs. Gullet and Ethel Wages, of North Battleford, Sask.; Mr. W. H. Frost, of Winnipeg; Mr. G. S. Halliday and Mrs. Halliday, of Unity, Sask.; Mr. J. H. Douglas and Miss Douglas, of Fairfax, Man.; Thomas Wright, of Swift Current; Mr. L. J. Cochrane and Mr. James Colburn, of Calgary, are some of the Prairie visitors stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Captain V. C. Best, W. F. Akerman, Laurance Mouat, of Ganges; A. J. Eaton, of Fulford Harbor; H. J. Vogel, of Otter Point; C. E. Whitney Griffiths, of Metchosin; Samuel Wright and W. Winthrop, of Extension; W. B. Trenholm, of Chemainus; Mrs. W. Allen, of Ladysmith; C. R. Lindner and Mrs. Lindner, of Port Renfrew; S. Handra, of Cowichan Lake; C. Moses and D. Moses, of Deep Cove, are up-Island guests at the Dominion Hotel.

New arrivals at the Dominion Hotel include Mrs. A. L. Taschereau, of Montreal; Walter Adams and Mrs. Adams, of New Westminster; Leo V. Newbold and Alex. D. Gilmore, of Longview, Wash.; Mrs. J. B. Minor and H. B. Davenport of Seattle; Mrs. D. Davidson, of Saskatoon; John J. Gillis, of San Francisco; F. Walker and W. A. McAllister, of Nanaimo; J. F. Hogan and Mrs. Hogan, of Port Angeles.

Visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mr. L. S. Brown, Grace D. Burris, Mr. and Mrs. George Grieve, Mr. James Russell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, Mrs. M. T. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McLeod.

New arrivals registered at the Hotel Strathcona include Miss Gertrude Ruhuka, from Omaha; Mrs. J. G. Lee, from Edmonton; Stela Welemaki, from Salmon Arm; Mr. Charles Zeigler, from Kelso, Wash.; Mr. J. W. Miller, from Milwaukee; Mr. and Mrs. K. Tarocroff, from Langham, Sask.; Mr. Stephen E. Muse, from Roblin, Man.; Mr. H. DuBoise, from Seattle; and Mr. J. W. Goode, from Chilliwack, B. C.

Up-Island visitors registered at the Strathcona Hotel include Mrs. G. E. Barnes, from Crofton; the Misses Elverson and Miss Falkner, from Galiano Island; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDonald and daughter, from Chemainus; Arthur and Mrs. Leighton, from Nanaimo; Mr. J. H. Monk, from Salt Spring Island; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hitchcox, from Duncan; and Mrs. Frank Smith and Miss D. Smith, from Deep Cove.

Mr. W. J. Bowser left last night for Vancouver. He will return so as to attend the meeting that is being held at Sidney on Friday evening, when the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party will deal with the P. G. E. affairs and especially with the charges that are being levelled at him in this connection at the present time.

Simeon, the Syrian Monk, lived on top of a marble column 60 feet high for 30 years.

The Strathcona Cafe will continue serving special Christmas Dinners until New Year's Day. Price $1.00; 5:30 to 8.

SLIM AND DAINTY ONE TAKES PLACE OF OLD FAVORITE

Through his first year in the chief magistrate's chair Mayor Hayward has used a fountain pen that is somberly black and quite unassuming, but which has displayed a commendable steadiness and dependability of character in fulfilling its duties. With it His Worship has signed debentures and cheques totaling about three and a half million dollars.

Yesterday the pen lay neglected on the Mayor's desk and in his pocket was a new favorite, for Santa Claus had given His Worship a writing instrument resplendent in filigree gold. A slim and dainty thing it is—one that might be expected to drop a protesting blob if called upon to sign anything of such a commonplace nature as a letter re garbage.

His Worship eyed his new pen fondly yesterday, and was proud in his use of it, but still he left the old, black, unassuming one upon the desk. He intends to wield it on occasion.

WEDDINGS

Bradley-Duncan

A pretty wedding took place on Christmas Day at the home of the bride's brother, 1428 Westall Street, when the Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Cecil Ernest Bradley, of Trail, and Miss Emmeline Duncan, of Victoria. The bride was attended by her neice, Miss Elsie Forrest Duncan, the flower girl being her little cousin. The groomsman was Mr. A. D. Walker, of Westholme, the bride's cousin. The house was artistically decorated with red, white and blue. The marriage was solemnized under a beautiful marriage bell. After the marriage the guests sat down to Christmas dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, after the Christmas holiday, will make their home at Trail.

Mackereth-Laird

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Douglas Street Baptist Church Christmas Day, when Miss Jennie Laird, second daughter of Mrs. Laird, 2602 Work Street, was united in marriage to Wilfred Mackereth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Mackereth, 952 Woodland Avenue. The bride entered the church on the arm of her cousin, Mr. Stanley Laird, who, at the appropriate time, gave her away. The bride was suitably attired in a gown of knife-pleated pearl grey Canton crepe, with silver wreath, and was assisted by her sister, Miss Charlotte Laird, who acted as bridesmaid, and was beautifully attired in gown of old rose Canton crepe. Mr. P. D. Mackereth, brother of the groom, assisted in the happy event as best man. After the ceremony, performed by Rev. W. H. Redman, and during the signing of the register, Miss L. Muir rendered the beautiful solo entitled, "Because." A reception was held at the home of the bride, during which the groom presented the bride and bridesmaid with onyx rings with pearl inset. The bride's present to the groom was a ruby scarf pin. The bride, a former employee of the B.C. Telephone Company, was presented with a mahogany mantel clock from the staff, and the groom was the recipient of a cut glass salad bowl from fellow employees of the C.P.R. Telegraph Company, Vancouver. The happy couple were also the recipients of numerous and costly presents. After a brief stay in the city, they go to Vancouver, at which place they intend to make their future home.

COMING EVENTS

Missionary to Speak—The Rev. Charles Personeus, missionary from Alaska, will speak tonight at 8 o'clock at the Tabernacle Church, corner Chester Street and Fairfield Road.

St. Paul's Tree—The annual entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School will be held on Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The programme will include choruses, drills, dialogues, presentation of diplomas, etc.; also a tableaux by members of the Presbyterian Chinese Sunday School. Parents and friends of the school are invited.

Christmas Entertainment—Beginning at 7:45 o'clock tonight, the James Bay Methodist Church Sunday School will hold its Christmas entertainment. The programme will consist of carols and recitations, followed by Dr. Van Dyke's "Story of the Other Wise Man," illustrated with stereoptioon slides. No admission charged.

Body of Rev. Agabob Found In Stream

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—The body of Rev. Walter J. Agabob, who was drowned in the Capilano Monday morning, was found this morning near the spot where the accident occurred. The fishing rod was still held firmly in his hand, and this prevented the body from floating down the river.

Makes a Family Supply of Cough Remedy

Really better than ready-made cough syrups, and saves about $2. Easily and quickly prepared.

If you combined the curative properties of every known "ready-made" cough remedy, you probably could not get as much real curative power as there is in this simple home-made cough syrup, which is easily prepared in a few minutes.

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SOUTHERN FOLKS HEAD "PAN" BILL

Negro Musicians Score Big Hit—Six Well-Balanced Turns in One of Season's Best Shows

One of the best bills seen here in weeks by "Pan" patrons was presented on Christmas Day and again yesterday at the Government Street vaudeville house, the large audiences that attended the performances thoroughly enjoying the excellent fare. Music and comedy vied with each other for the headline honors, all the "turns" being enthusiastically received. The programme, in every respect, lived up to the high reputation for entertainment that the Pantages circuit possesses.

Robinson's Syncopaters in "On the Plantation" scored a pronounced hit, and the audiences were constantly calling for more. The nine negroes that constituted this talented troupe of musicians gave a fine account of themselves, and the popular jazzy tunes that they played simply swept their hearers out of their chairs. The colored folks were generous with encores and received a flattering reception.

Amazing physical exploits were the contributions that Mary Drew and Company made to the programme. This herculean lady tossed a man who could not in any sense be termed a "lightweight," and another member of the company around the stage in comparatively easy fashion. Her various gymnastic feats drew for Mary Drew the plaudits of the patrons.

John Burke started the fun in "A Trade of His Own." A snappy line of jokes, followed by songs and club swinging, not to overlook his classy stepping, were the features of his turn, which met with merited applause.

Josephine Harmon and Georgia Sands brought the house down with their inimitable presentation of "We and Us." The audiences were kept in a continual state of laughter, and the smart comedy and repartee that they put across went over with a bang, and then some.

Another bright act was that of Joe Reichen and his wonder dogs, direct from Europe. What tricks the leading dog couldn't do certainly were not worth knowing. The turn was staged in an original style and proved very pleasing.

"Bits of Mark Twain" were offered by Chuck Evans, Eddie Mero and Frank Evans, in a manner that earned for them the approbation of their listeners. The fifteen minutes that they were on the platform were crowded with plenty of comedy, singing and action.

The programme was opened by orchestral selections by the Pantages orchestra, and the Pantagescope, featuring Baby Peggy in "Miles of Smiles" and scenes of the Athabasca Trail.

CANADIAN GIRL TO WED DANISH PRINCE

Engagement is Announced of Miss Frances Booth to Son of Prince and Princess Valdemar

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The engagement was officially announced last night of Miss Lois Frances Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, the lumber king of Canada, to His Royal Highness Prince Erik Frederick Christian Alexander, third son of Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Valdemar, of Denmark. The marriage, it is understood, will be held in Ottawa next Spring, and will be attended by the groom's father, Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth first met Prince Erik at Lake Louise when she was visiting there seven years ago, and it is said that it was a case of love at first sight. Prince Erik, who is spending Christmas in Ottawa, owns a ranch near Calgary, and is an accomplished ranger and breeder of prize stock. Prince Erik is 31 years old, and is a first cousin to King George of England, and King Christian of Denmark. The Dowager Queen Alexandra of Egnland is a sister of Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth today wore an engagement ring presented to her by Prince Erik. The ring of diamonds and emeralds, has been in his family for generations.

Miss Booth will share His Royal Highness' rank and title. They will reside alternately in Canada and Denmark.

MILL CHIEF TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Mr. E. J. Palmer, Vice-President of Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co., Is Resting Easily

Considerable anxiety was felt in the city yesterday concerning the condition of Mr. E. J. Palmer, vice-president and general manager of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company. He was taken suddenly ill at his home in Chemainus on Christmas Eve. The latest word received from his home last night, however, was of a more reassuring character, and it was reported that there had been an evident change for the better in his condition.

Yesterday a decided change was noticed in the condition of Mr. Palmer, and this improvement continued throughout the day. Late last night word received from his home was to the effect that the improvement noted earlier in the day was continuing and that he was resting very easily. So satisfactory was his condition that the specialist that had been summoned from Vancouver had decided to leave for home.

The illness of Mr. Palmer is attributed to a general breakdown, following a long and very close application to business. For thirty-four years he has been identified with the enterprise at Chemainus, and has given ungrudgingly of his energy in the carrying on of the affairs. That he realized that the strain was telling upon him is borne out by the fact that he had requested to be relieved at the end of the year of the active management of the affairs and was intending to take up his residence in Victoria, where he would continue to give attention to the company's affairs, but without having charge of all the details that are connected with the management.

Dr. H. B. Rogers, of Chemainus, had just come to Victoria to spend Christmas, but left at once upon receiving word of Mr. Palmer's illness and reached Chemainus before midnight. In the meantime Dr. Watson, of Duncan, had been summoned and was early in attendance. Dr. Elliott, a specialist from Vancouver, was also summoned.

J.B.A.A. HOST AT DELIGHTFUL DANCE

Many Guests Enjoy Function Given by Popular Oarsmen at the Empress Hotel

That the members of the James Bay Athletic Association are always most delightful hosts was again evidenced last night when they entertained at a Boxing Day dance at the Empress Hotel.

The function was very well attended by guests, and the members of the J.B.A.A. turned out in force. Over two hundred and fifty guests joined in the dancing to the strains of the University of Washington orchestra, which liberally dispensed the latest musical hits and numerous encores.

The orchestra, which has supplied music for previous affairs given by the J.B.A.A., scored an immense success last night with their selections.

The committee which was responsible for the charming arrangements of the dance included Mr. O. C. Walls, chairman, and Messrs. E. Fisher, Bob Travis, E. Money, J. Devereux, J. Riddel, K. Adams, T. D. Roberts, A. Cox, and others.

The function was held under the patronage of His Worship Mayor Hayward and Mrs. Hayward, Brigadier-General and Mrs. R. P. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Cameron.

The American musicians included in the orchestra were: Messrs. Graham French, A. Nordland, V. Whitlock, B. Felch and J. Mischler. During intermissions, the music was kindly supplied by Mr. Trevor Ford.

At the conclusion of the pantomime, Peter Pan's Dream, at the Royal Victoria Theatre, a number of guests joined the dance, which continued until after 2 o'clock this morning.

OBJECTS TO VOYAGE OF LOCAL DETECTIVE

Commissioner Believes Outside Departments Should Furnish the Escorts for Men Wanted

In the opinion of Commissioner Stansland, recorded at last night's meeting of the Police Commission, a bad precedent has been established in sending Detective Phipps to Honolulu as escort to a prisoner arrested in this city and wanted by the police of that place on a charge of murder. He pointed out that when a police department of any place wanted a man arrested at any other place, it was the custom for the police department to send a constable or a detective for him.

Mayor Hayward, chairman of the commission, stated that he had given Chief Fry authority to send Detective Phipps with the prisoner. At the time authority was asked, Commissioner Stansland had been sick so he had taken the responsibility himself.

Commissioner Hall asserted that if Detective Phipps, the chief detective of the Victoria department, could be spared to make a three weeks' trip, and not missed during his absence, then it was evidence that the staff should be reduced.

Chief Fry denied that the absent detective was not missed. His absence meant extra work for others of the department. He himself, he said, had been doing extra police work which had caused him to be out on occasions at 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning.

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VALUABLE DARNING NEEDLE

Appeal in German Court to Establish Ownership of Billion-Mark Sock-Mender

KIEL, Dec. 26.—A darning needle is the basis for a law suit which has been carried from the Holstein district court to a higher tribunal because of the law providing that a district judge cannot pass on cases involving articles worth more than a half billion marks.

As a darning needle now costs a billion paper marks the woman who lost her suit for the possession of the darning needle in the lower court is carrying the litigation further in an effort to get the better of the neighbor with whom she is disputing the ownership of the needle.

CHRISTMAS FETE IS AN ANNUAL EVENT

Entertainment This Evening at First Presbyterian Church Contains Many New Features

This evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the annual Christmas entertainment of the First Presbyterian Church Sunday School will be held in the Church Hall. The programme this year contains many new and interesting features. The Sunday School choir will sing a carol, the primary department will offer some interesting action songs, and members of other departments will offer songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. The Anadromies Class will present a sketch, "The Demon Phonograph." Shadowgraphs will be provided by the Eagle Class. A special feature at the conclusion of the programme will be a very humorous sketch, entitled "The School Teacher and His Pupils," presented by the Onwego Class. This sketch is new and original and should afford much amusement to all.

During the evening awards will be presented to successful scholars at the Sunday School Bible examinations held during the past year. There will be no admission charge for this concert, but an offering will be taken at the door to defray expenses.

The Million Dollar Doll

By C. N. and A. M. WILLIAMSON (Authors of "The Lightning Conductor")

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY

Terence Desmond ("Terry"), exquisite and convent-reared, unbelievably innocent, is forced to work as a cashier in her father's road-house, while

Juliet Divine, the stage name of her beautiful half-sister, whom Terry has not seen for years, lives like a princess and talks vaguely of a millionaire.

Terence Desmond, their father, moody and selfish, formerly caretaker of an estate, is now the proprietor of the Blue Moon, a road-house. He is anxious to get Terry married and off his hands.

Mrs. Furmiss owns Silverwood, the estate of which Desmond was caretaker.

Betty Sheridan, her granddaughter, whose rudeness to Terry the latter will never forget, is the wife of

Miles Sheridan, handsome and likable, who, when Terry was a child, furnished the money to send her to the convent, partly to atone for his wife's rudeness. To Terry he is always "The Prince."

Eustace Nasle, a wealthy Greek, unscrupulous with women, is impressed by Terry's beauty and her resemblance to Juliet Divine, the famous stage beauty. He invites her to go for an auto ride, and on the way to New York he kisses her.

INSTALMENT XV

A Favor for "The Prince"

"Well, she told me she wouldn't be home to anyone, no matter who, while that gentleman was here," explained the maid.

"They've got important business. That's what she said. But if you want to wait in the hall till I find out—or, no, maybe you'd better sit in the dining-room."

The woman stood aside, half reluctantly, and let the girl—"the picture of Miss Divine"—cross the threshold.

It seemed to Terry that Julia's description of her apartment had fallen short of the reality. The square hall, from which several doors opened, had white walls with painted pictures set in panels. The doors were made of mirrors, with many small, square panes. On the polished floor was a rug of lovely pale tints, and immense vases held long-stemmed roses.

The dining-room was white, too, but it was panelled with rose-colored brocade framed in narrow lines of gold, and there was a crimson carpet so thick it felt like moss to the girl's feet. The chairs drawn round the table had carved backs and arms. There was gilding about them, too.

Terry thought it was like an apartment in the palace of a king, but she felt, dimly, that she would choose simpler things for herself. The maid, who was of Indian type rather than negroid in appearance, was paid high wages for tact and intelligence—often needed. She had quickly decided upon the dining-room instead of the hall, for the visitor to wait.

The door of Miss Divine's "den," where she had received her caller, opened into the hall. There, the girl must be within earshot, perhaps might even catch a glimpse of Miss Divine, and try to "rush" her if she heard a refusal. Shut up in the dining-room she could do no mischief.

The mulatto woman tapped discreetly at the door of the room named by Miss Divine her "den." "Come in," cried the sweet, husky voice which was one of Julia's charms.

The maid obeyed only so far as to open the door halfway. "Would you kindly step into the hall a second, Madam?" she suggested. Miss Divine was always called "Madam" by her servants.

Julia was surprised, but she trusted Emmeline's tact and flew out, in a diaphanous rest-gown, softly closing the door behind her. "What is it? Senor Fernandez hasn't come?" she asked anxiously, under her breath.

"No, Madam, it ain't as bad as that," Emmeline replied, with an odd mingling of affection and impertinence in her tone. "There's a young lady. She says she's your sister, but you didn't expect her, so I wasn't sure if I ought to let her in.

"But she's the image of you. I thought she couldn't be a fraud. So I put her in the dining-room."

"My goodness gracious!" Julia gasped. "It must be Terry."

"She didn't say her name. /You never told me you had a sister, Madam."

"It wasn't worth while. Is she alone?"

"Yes, Madam."

"How did she come, I wonder?"

"She arrived in a taxi. She wants to borrow money to settle with the chauffeur and send him away. I would have arranged with Joe, in the elevator, to pay whatever it was. But I thought, if you didn't want her to stay—'?

"Oh, I suppose she'll have to stay. I must manage somehow. Give Joe the money. Did she seem upset about anything?"

"No, Madam, she was real quiet, but begged awful hard to see you."

"Well, she can't see me yet," Julia decided. Mr. Phillips won't stop long. If the child seems all right she can wait till we finish talking. And it's better they shouldn't meet. Gee! It's rather complicated to have a sister!"

"It must be, madam," agreed Emmeline.

"Ask her if she wants anything to eat," Julia flung over her shoulder, as she opened the door again, and slipping through, closed it quickly.

In the "den," she flung herself down once more on a huge divan, crossed her feet, admired them, helped herself to a cigarette from a gold box on a low table, struck a match, and said:

"Well, I'm half dead with curiosity to know why the great Mr. Hartley Phillips has honored poor little me with a call for the first time in his life. Isn't it about time we came to the point?"

As she spoke, Julia produced a perfect smoke ring, so large that, as it floated away from her lips, it made a vanishing frame for her bright hair and brilliant face.

The man who sat in an easy chair at some distance from the divan smiled at the picture. But there are smiles and smiles.

Juliet Divine knew all kinds of smiles on men's faces; how much they meant, or how little. This smile meant cool, slightly contemptuous appreciation of a physically admirable woman.

"It isn't my fault that we've been some time working up to the point," he said. "You were kind enough to insist on my having a cocktail—and I'd heard you were famous for your cocktails—among other things. In fact, I've called on you this evening because you're famous."

But it pleased her that somehow she had disconcerted such a man. She didn't like to think that a male type existed over which she had no power."

"When I phoned and inquired if you'd be at home, I said I wanted to ask a favor," Phillips began.

"Yes, you did," Julia shortly admitted. "I couldn't think what sort of favor you might want from me."

"And you'd never be likely to guess. But it's—er—a little difficult to explain at the opening—sounds rather bald."

Julia laughed a hard laugh. "I'm used to bald men!"

Phillips took no notice of this sally, though it did not pass over his head. In fact, it was aimed at the top of it.

"I shan't ask the favor for nothing," he went on. "And it isn't for me, personally. It's for a friend. I don't know if you've heard of him: Mr. Sheridan—Miles Sheridan."

In tomorrow's installment a strange proposition is made to Julia.

BIG PLATFORM IS UP FOR ORATORIO

ACCOMMODATION FOR HUNDRED SINGERS PROVIDED

Centennial Makes Preparation for Rendering of "The Messiah" Tomorrow Night

A big platform capable of accommodating the hundred singers who will render "The Messiah" in the Centennial Methodist Church tomorrow evening, has been constructed in the church auditorium. The final practice under the conductor, Mr. Jackson Hanby, was held last night, and promised a magnificent rendition of the famous oratorio tomorrow night.

The choir is city-wide in character, and consists of well-trained voices with well-known vocalists in the solo parts, which will be taken by the following: Mrs. Edward Parsons, soprano; Mrs. Jesse Longfield, contralto; Mr. Draper, tenor; and Mr. G. Handley Wells, basso.

This will be the first time that "The Messiah" has been heard here this season, and the first time in history that it has been broadcasted by radio in Victoria, for arrangements have been made for sending it out through the Centennial's radio broadcasting equipment. In view of the boon which the radio has been to the city, the proceeds will go toward the church's radio fund.

The oratorio will commence at 8:15 tomorrow evening.

AGED LADIES ENJOY PLEASANT CHRISTMAS

Fifty Venerable Charges of City Sit Down to Table Laden With Good Things

Christmas Day was fittingly celebrated at the Aged Women's Home. About fifty of the inmates were well enough to be present in the large dining-room for the midday repast, although three sat at the table in wheel chairs. One of the trio was Mrs. Garner, one of the two original inmates with which the Home opened more than twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Gould, who took the initiative in the organization of the institution at that time, was also present.

The Home throughout, as well as the tables, was most artistically decorated with festoons of Christmas colorings and beautiful cut flowers and blooming plants. The menu was beyond criticism, the generosity of friends of the institution making this largely possible.

The committee of management wish to thank the matron and staff, the chef included, for the very capable manner in which all arrangements were carried out. The following members of the committee were present and assisted in serving the aged guests: Mesdames W. L. Clay, Gould, William Grant, Whittier, Harold Grant, Heddle and Miss O'Brien. All regretted the absence of Mrs. Carne, who was an indefatigable member of the original committee twenty-five years ago, and who is now past her ninetieth year.

SANTA AT PARKER'S

Three Hundred Youngsters Enjoy Impromptu Party and Receive Candy and Oranges

Among the numerous merry gatherings of the season was the big children's party held on Monday afternoon at Parker's Shoe Store, 2782 Cedar Hill Road, when about three hundred children from all parts of the district were entertained by Santa Claus for half an hour while he distributed bags of candy and oranges.

A programme of bright music was given through the medium of the big gramophone which occupied one corner of the premises, and the announcement by Santa Claus that the one hundred and twenty-five bags of candy and oranges which had been left over would be sent to the Orphanage for the children there, was greeted with pleasure by the small guests.

BRITANNIA LODGE

Britania Lodge, L.O.B.A., held their regular meeting in the Orange Hall last Tuesday night, Sister Bradley, D.M., in the chair. Considerable business was transacted after reports of the different committees had been received, showing that the lodge was in a most flourishing condition. The installation of the officers for the ensuing year took place. Sister Hunter, P.M.W., installed the following: Sister Bradley, W.M.; Sister Gove, W.D.; Sister Shand, chaplain; Sister Mainwaring, R.E.G. (by acclamation); Sister Nielos, secretary; Sister White, treasurer; Sister M. Gove, D.S.; first lecturer, Sister J. Bradley; second, Sister Crooks (both by acclamation; Sister A. White, I.G.; first committee, Sisters Hunter, Morrison, McKay, Cave, Draper; Sister Gilson, P.M. as guardian (by acclamation); sick committee, Sisters Shand and Keatinge; P.M., Sister Munkley; musician, Sister Colwell.

After a few well-chosen remarks from the chair and officers-elect, Sister Bradley, W.M., presented Sisters Hunter and Keatinge with beautiful plants. A gold pin was presented to Sister Hood, who is leaving in a few days for the south. After wishing her "bon voyage" and compliments of the season, refreshments were served, bringing one of the best evenings in the history of Britannia to a close.

U.S. Cruiser Raleigh Develops 34.69 Knots

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The new scout cruiser Raleigh reached a maximum of 34.69 knots during her full power preliminary test in New England waters, according to the report forwarded to the Navy Department by the board of officers who attended the trial.

Rinderpest Causes Wholesale Slaughter Of Australian Cattle

MELBOURNE, Dec. 26.—Cattle, pigs and goats are being slaughtered wholesale in the areas affected by the rinderpest in Western Australia. Liberal compensation is being paid the owners of animals which are being killed to prevent the spread of the rinderpest, a violent contagious disease of the pleuro-pneumonia type. The compensation being distributed is contributed equally to by the Federal and Western authorities.

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Original Prices	Closing-Out Prices
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$3.95	$1.97½
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$2.95	$1.47½
$3.25	$1.62½
$3.50	$1.75
$3.95	$1.97½
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NEWS OF THE SPORTING WORLD

Maroons Play Here Tomorrow Evening

Lester Patrick's Sextette Returns From Prairie Journey and Will Strive to Take Invaders' Measure at Willows Rink—Victorians Will Give Teams Welcome After Several Weeks' Absence of Pro Hockey From This City

VICTORIANS will welcome the Coast teams back to this city tomorrow night, when Lester Patrick's Cougars and Brother Frank's hopefuls from the Terminal City will clash in an engagement that will occupy an hour, and perhaps a longer space of time. Local fans have been without the pro sport for several weeks now, and it is believed that the pond performers will receive a warm reception when they skate out onto the silver sheet at the Willows rendezvous shortly before 8:30 o'clock tomorrow evening.

The Cougars, headed by Captain Clem Loughlin, returned to the city yesterday morning, after a tour of the Prairie centres. The boys were all glad to be back on the Coast again, and they were in complete accord with the fellow who said that there wasn't so much fun traveling around in railway coaches as some might think. The local puckchasers were not given much opportunity to rest, and they will undoubtedly enjoy the three days here from the time they landed back until they appear in the limelight again.

The ice dogs from British Columbia's Capital City turned in the best card of any of the P.C.H.A. crews while jaunting about the Western Canada circuit. The Cougars picked off wins at Edmonton and against Newsy Lalonde's men in Winnipeg. The Maroons, guided by Art Duncan, succeeded only in winning one inter-league tilt, Vancouver humbling Regina in a closely-contested mix. The Mets, however, were whitewashed on all occasions.

The game here tomorrow night should prove one of the best of the season. It is a well-known fact that there is little love lost between the Victoria and Vancouver band of knights of the blade, and that whenever these squads come together, the sparks fly fast and furious. And there is no reason to think that anything to the contrary will occur tomorrow. The local fans will be out at the Arena urging their favorites to romp home on the long end of the night's score, although the supporters of the visitors will be hoping for just the reverse.

Will Try to Turn Tables

Revenge is sweet, so goes the saying, and Clem Loughlin's colleagues hope to make their foes from the Mainland taste bitter defeat tomorrow. Art Duncan's proteges trounced the Islanders in Vancouver on Christmas Day, but the Victoria outfit is confident they will be able to turn the tables tomorrow night, and bring the fruits of success to the city where the legislative pile stands. They are assured of every encouragement and support in their plans.

The race for the honors in the scoring averages continues to be interesting, with Frank Fredrickson, the local ace, and Art Duncan, skipper of the Maroons, fighting for the premier post. Both these lads will be out to register additional points tomorrow night. The manner in which the defence players are notching the goals and assists nowadays is worthy of note, the Vancouver captain, Gordon Fraser, of Seattle, and Clem Loughlin, of Victoria, all being up in the top ranks.

Four hockey tilts have been played here this season, and eight more matches will take place at the Willows before the schedule ends. Victoria plays in all of them with one exception, that being when Vancouver clashes with Seattle on local ice. The games that will be played here during the next few months are as follows (all matches being on Friday nights):

December 28—Victoria vs. Vancouver
January 4—Victoria vs. Seattle
January 11—Victoria vs. Edmonton
January 18—Victoria vs. Calgary
January 25—Victoria vs. Vancouver
February 1—Victoria vs. Regina
February 8—Victoria vs. Seattle
February 15—Victoria vs. Edmonton
February 22—Vancouver vs. Seattle

BOXING DAY SOCCER

RETURNS OF CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHES PLAYED

Results Reversed in Several—Newcastle, Blackburn Rovers and Bolton Win Two Straight

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Boxing Day games in the English football association saw for the most part another meeting of the teams which had played on Christmas Day, with the grounds reversed.

In several cases the results of the previous day were turned around, notably in the meetings between Huddersfield Town and Tottenham Hotspurs, the former turning a 1 to 0 defeat into a 2 to 1 victory. Of four drawn games played on Christmas Day, there were more decisive results today. The league leaders were held down to a 1-1 draw at Sheffield yesterday, but they defeated United by 3-1 at Cardiff; Notts Forest won by 2-1 after Chelsea had drawn yesterday. Middlesborough defeated Burnley 3 to 0, while West Ham got through with Aston Villa by a one goal margin.

Teams to repeat their victories of Christmas Day were Newcastle United, who again defeated Liverpool; Blackburn Rovers, who had a one goal victory over Preston North End, and Bolton Wanderers, who decisively crushed West Bromwich.

In the second division, twenty-seven goals were scored in nine games, and of these Derby County, Hull City and Leeds United accounted for sixteen. By losing to Nelson, Derby County gave up leadership of the league, temporarily perhaps, to Leeds United. On Christmas Day, their revenge by a score of 6 to 0, constituting the largest total of the day, may have been some consolation for the loss.

"Chick" Evans Makes First Hole In One

CHICAGO, Dec. 26. — Charles "Chick" Evans, who has been a champion golf player for many years, gave himself a Christmas present yesterday in the form of a membership in the hole-in-one club, when for the first time in the thousands of holes he has played, he made an ace on the fourth hole of the Edgewater Golf Club course. He had two witnesses. The shot was 190 yards.

Former Crown Clerk Dead

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The death occurred suddenly Monday of A. E. Corriveau, K.C., 69, former clerk of the Crown for the district of Montreal.

Nanaimo Ball Club Winds Up Business

NANAIMO, Dec. 25.—The executive of the Nanaimo baseball team met recently to receive a report from the financial secretary, and to wind up the general business in connection with last season.

The financial statement showed that the expenses of the club amounted to a grand total of $1,651.30, while the receipts amounted to $1,571.30, leaving a deficit of $80. The executive made arrangements to meet this shortage, and all liabilities of the club have now been settled in full. President Young congratulated the team on the showing made during the past season, it having annexed the Island championship, and reached the finals in the Provincial championship.

PRAIRIE HOCKEY

Calgary Beats Crescents by Three to Two—Regina and Edmonton Tied After Overtime

CALGARY, Dec. 26.—Calgary continued its winning streak here yesterday afternoon, when it beat Newsy Lalonde's Saskatoon Crescents three to two.

The Crescents put up a fine brand of hockey. In fact, they are the best visiting team that local fans have seen here this Winter.

By winning yesterday's battle, Calgary goes into a tie with Saskatoon for second place.

A Great Game

REGINA, Dec. 26.—In the fastest game of the season, featured by desperate plays on the part of both teams, Regina and Edmonton battled to a two-two tie here last night in a twenty-minute overtime struggle. Sensational work in the nets by Winkler saved the game in the overtime period for Edmonton. With Simpson off owing to injuries, Regina literally peppered Winkler, who in the twenty minutes made eighteen saves to McCusker's five.

CITY DRAWS WITH VARSITY FIFTEEN

McKECHNIE CUP RUGBY ENDS IN THREE-ALL SCORE

Vancouver Shines in Forward Work—Students Give Good Display of Back Division Play

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—'Varsity ruggers took a strangle hold on the McKechnie Cup, emblematic of the Rugby championship of British Columbia, when they held the Vancouver "rep." fifteen to a 3-3 draw at Brockton Point on Christmas afternoon. The collegians excelled at the forward line, and in the second half kept the play almost entirely in the Vancouver area. They could not pierce the defence for a winning score, however.

Though not a brilliant exhibition of Rugby, the game was strenuously fought throughout, and the spectators found much to enthuse over at various periods. The ground was heavy, and within a few minutes from the outset the ball had become very greasy and hard to handle. Under these conditions the pigskin handling of the students was almost brilliant.

Vancouver failed to get the ball out to its back division, with the result that nearly all its advances were made by hard forward work. 'Varsity, on the other hand, was able to feed the back line in nice style, and made many advances by three-quarter runs and nice kicks to touch. Ternan was again in the limelight in this respect, making many brilliant kicks when in almost impossible positions. He was closely marked all the way.

The slippery ball accounted for the poor work in place and drop kicking. The game ended with the 'Varsity forwards still pressing in the Vancouver area.

On the Vancouver side there was a lack of adequate connection between the scrum and the backs.

UP-ISLAND SOCCER

Cumberland Defeats Ladysmith by Three to Two—Nanaimo City Wins From Northfield

NANAIMO, Dec. 25.—In an Up-Island League soccer game played at Ladysmith on Sunday afternoon, Cumberland defeated the home team by 3 goals to 2.

At half time the scores were tied at one goal each. Graham opened the scoring for Cumberland after five minutes play from a corner in the second. McCormack, of Ladysmith, equalized from a penalty kick awarded when one of the Cumberland defenders handled in the dreaded area. Turner and Bannerman got Cumberland's other in the last two minutes of the struggle.

Tom Blair, the Cumberland goal keeper, played a sterling game. There were times when the Ladysmith forwards harassed him like a swarm of bees, but the tall Scot was always in his element and saved brilliantly many times. Besides Blair, Graham and Stewart put up a star game for the winners, while Strang and McCormack excelled for the home team.

At Northfield Nanaimo City defeated the home team by 3 goals to 1 in a league game and at Nanaimo the local veterans defeated the Davenports by the score of 4 to 2.

FOOTBALL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Victoria and District Wednesday Football League will be held in the Broad Street Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. All delegates are requested to attend, as the team to oppose the Vancouver Wednesday League will be picked at this meeting.

Muldoon's Mets Are Completely Routed

Only Wonderful Goaltending by Holmes Prevents Disgracefully Large Score Against Seattle's Hockey Team With Frank Patrick's Maroons Treating Them Rough and Winning All the Way in One-Sided Game

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Eight in a row and all losses for the Seattle Mets, is the story Seattle fans are mulling over tonight, after Vancouver had registered a sweeping victory in the local arena. The maroon-clad giants from the north had everything their own way. They outskated, outchecked and outshot the Seattle team, in fact, so far outclassed the locals that the small holiday crowd was on its way to the exits long before the game was over. Again, it was only Holmes that stood between the Mets and a rout so severe that it would have been shameful. The veteran goalie played another beautiful game before a defence that was torn to bits by the charges of the heavy Vancouver forwards and gave him little protection. Skinner, Frank Boucher, MacKay and Duncan were the outstanding figures in a team that played fine hockey all the way, a team that deserved to "win by a wide margin" if it had been able to bag even a fair percentage of the opportunities it made for itself.

Skinner In Form

Skinner had a wonderful night. He was up and down the ice like a flash, with much of the form he displayed in his first year on the Coast, and gets credit for a goal besides demoralizing the Seattle attack to such an extent that it seldom got started.

Frank Boucher gave a wonderful exhibition of skating and stick-handling, and opposite his name go the first two goals.

Parkes and MacKay combined for one, and Skinner and Duncan for another goal before the second period was over.

Seattle only gave brief flashes of offensive form, even in the third period, when they scored their two goals. Duncan drove a terrific shot off Holmes' pads for the last Vancouver goal, before Foyston wormed his way through for another marker just before the period ended.

Mickey is Lenient

Virtually everything went with Mickey Ion tonight until the third period, when Cook was ruled off for tripping. Briden and Skinner mixed a moment later to draw major penalties, while Briden was also sent off later for cross-checking. That was only a tenth of the rough stuff pulled during the evening, however.

Summary

First Period—1, Vancouver, Boucher, 5:18.

Second Period—2, Vancouver, Boucher, 7:04; 3, Vancouver, Parkes from Mackay, 3:47; 4, Vancouver, Skinner from Duncan, 4:19.

Third Period—5, Seattle, Harris, 7:56; 6, Vancouver, Duncan, 6:19; 7, Seattle, Briden from Foyston, 4:09.

Penalties

First Period—None.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—Cook and Briden, 2 minutes; Skinner and Briden, 10 minutes.

Line-Up

Seattle	Position	Vancouver
Holmes	Goal	Lehman
Fraser	Defence	Duncan
Rowe	Defence	Cook
Fisher	Defence	Matte
Foyston	Forward	Boucher
Briden	Forward	Skinner
Walker	Forward	Mackay
Harris	Forward	Parkes
Arbour	Forward	Bostrum
McFarlane	Forward	Cotch

Soccer Notes

By A. B. BROWN

Heavy Scoring

Goal-scoring was above the average in a number of the League games played in England last Saturday. Everton, for instance, beat Manchester City 6-1, following a defeat on the City's ground a week earlier. The Everton team, by the way, has advanced in a marked degree, whereas Liverpool (their fellow townsmen) have fallen away in startling fashion. Cardiff City has taken four points off Liverpool in two games and scared four goals without sacrificing any.

It was in the Second Division, however, where the goals were in evidence. Blackpool surprised Derby County by winning 4-0. Hull City upset Bristol City to the extent of 5-0. The Bristol team has certainly been "in the wars" this season, as Derby County scored eight goals against them, and Bury got six. And the curious point is that Bristol City beat Derby, Bury and Hull in the games preceding the deluge!

Other notable scoring records on Saturday were Manchester United's 5-0 against Port Vale; the Wednesday's half-dozen in their game with Crystal Palace; and Bury's triumph by three clear goals over Leeds United. The Leeds Club has gone back in curious fashion, and it was a good job that the team established a big lead over the clubs below them before the slump came along.

In the Southern section, the chief goal-getters were Brighton, with five against Bournemouth; Portsmouth had four in their game with Aberdare, and Britol Rovers obtained four at the expense of Milwall.

Up in the North the feature was Accrington's five against New Brighton. Wigan Borough secured four against Grimsby Town, and Lincoln City piled on four against Wrexham.

The great rivals in the Northeast of England, Sunderland and Newcastle United, have played off their home-and-home matches. Snuderland has gained all the points by scores of 3-2 at Roker Park and 2-0 at St. James' field. The other team in the district, Middlesbrough, is in a perilous position, and for the second week in succession the side was beaten by Preston North End.

Glasgow Rangers had practically a walk-over in their game against Hamilton Academicals in the Scottish League when they won 4-0. The Light Blues are evidently well set for another flag.

The Celts, however, received a check at Dundee, which was not surprising. The defeat has cost the "bould men" second place, where Airdrie is now placed.

The league standings follow:

English League—First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Cardiff City	20	12	1	7	36	17	31
Everton	22	10	6	6	32	27	26
Huddersfield	20	11	5	4	30	20	26
Bolton W.	22	8	4	10	37	18	26
Sunderland	21	11	6	4	27	28	26
Aston Villa	22	7	4	11	27	18	25
Sheffield U.	20	9	4	7	33	23	25
Newcastle	21	9	8	4	32	26	22
Tottenham	20	8	6	6	22	18	22
Blackburn R.	20	8	7	5	22	28	21
Manchester C.	20	8	7	5	25	32	21
Notts County	20	7	6	7	19	22	20
West Ham U.	20	6	7	7	21	18	19
West Bromwich	20	6	7	7	27	29	17
Burnley	20	5	8	7	20	29	17
Arsenal	20	6	9	5	18	27	17
Liverpool	20	6	9	5	24	27	17
Chelsea	21	4	10	7	14	26	15
Notts Forest	20	5	11	4	24	34	14
Birmingham	21	5	10	6	14	20	14
Preston N.E.	20	4	11	5	25	41	13
Middlesbrough	20	4	13	3	19	21	11

Second Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Leeds United	20	10	5	5	27	19	26
Derby C.	20	10	5	5	38	22	25
Stoke	22	8	5	9	24	20	25
Blackpool	20	8	4	8	37	24	24
South Shields	19	9	6	4	21	18	22
Leicester C.	19	8	5	6	31	20	22
Manchester U.	19	8	6	5	31	26	21
The Wednesday	20	7	6	7	28	25	21
Southampton	22	6	7	9	21	22	21
Bury	19	9	7	3	26	21	21
Bradford City	19	6	6	7	20	19	19
Barnsley	19	6	7	6	25	28	18
Crystal Palace	20	6	8	6	23	32	18
Hull City	20	5	7	8	26	20	18
Oldham A.	18	5	5	8	21	23	18
Coventry City	19	5	7	7	26	28	17
Clapton Orient	17	4	5	8	19	24	16
Stockport C.	17	5	6	6	17	24	16
Nelson	20	4	8	8	19	32	16
Fulham	20	5	9	6	23	29	16
Portvale	19	6	10	3	29	32	15
Bristol City	20	4	10	6	20	42	14

Third Division—Northern Section

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Wolverhampton	18	10	3	5	31	10	25
Rochdale	18	9	2	7	24	11	25
New Brighton	19	8	5	7	17	23	23
Wigan Borough	18	8	4	6	26	13	22
Darlington	17	9	4	4	30	16	22
Ashington	16	9	5	2	29	18	22
Chesterfield	17	9	5	3	30	15	21
Bradford	17	8	6	3	24	20	19
Rotherham	17	7	5	5	17	15	19
Southport	17	6	5	6	16	18	18
Wrexham	18	6	7	5	21	19	17
Durham City	17	6	6	5	20	16	17
Walsall	17	6	7	4	15	19	16
Halifax Town	17	5	6	6	19	27	16
Doncaster R.	18	4	7	7	15	22	15
Grimsby Town	17	4	7	6	21	18	14
Accrington	17	5	8	4	17	26	14
Lincoln City	16	5	7	4	26	24	14
Tranmere Rovers	17	3	7	7	14	25	13
Hartlepool	15	4	6	5	10	18	13
Barrow	19	2	12	5	14	21	9
Crewe Alex.	17	2	11	4	12	22	8

Third Division—Southern Section

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Swansea T.	19	12	2	5	35	19	29
Portsmouth	19	12	2	4	40	15	28
Luton Town	20	11	6	3	28	19	25
Brighton	20	10	6	4	33	22	24
Plymouth	20	11	7	2	28	18	24
Northampton	19	7	3	9	23	14	23
Millwall	20	8	6	6	22	16	22
Bristol R.	19	9	6	4	25	16	22
Swindon T.	20	8	7	5	20	19	21
Norwich City	19	6	5	8	25	18	20
Queen's Park R.	19	7	7	5	22	26	19
Watford	20	4	5	11	13	12	19
Bournemouth	20	5	8	7	19	29	17
Southend U.	18	6	7	5	20	28	17
Newport C.	19	6	9	4	25	28	16
Charlton A.	19	5	8	6	21	23	16
Gillingham	18	4	8	6	15	23	14
Merthyr T.	19	6	11	2	18	24	14
Aberdare	18	4	9	5	12	29	13
Brentford	18	5	10	3	19	29	13
Exeter City	18	5	10	3	18	17	13
Reading	19	2	12	4	16	30	10

Scottish League—First Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	19	15	0	4	44	6	34
Airdrieonians	20	10	3	7	26	19	27
Celtic	20	9	3	8	30	16	26
Raith Rovers	19	11	5	3	26	17	25
Dundee	19	9	5	5	28	24	23
Partick Thistle	20	9	7	4	32	30	22
Kilmarnock	19	8	6	5	26	20	21
Hibernians	20	7	7	6	24	32	20
St. Mirren	19	7	7	5	22	24	19
Aberdeen	20	7	6	5	18	20	19
Aberdeen	20	7	8	5	18	20	19
Motherwell	19	8	9	2	21	37	18
Hearts	20	6	8	6	20	25	18
Third Lanark	18	8	8	2	25	30	18
Clyde	20	6	9	5	23	41	17
Falkirk	20	6	8	5	19	23	17
Morton	21	8	12	2	24	36	16
Hamilton A.	20	6	11	3	21	31	15
Ayr United	19	4	12	2	17	27	11
Queen's Park	19	4	13	3	19	30	11
Clydebank	20	4	13	3	20	23	11

Second Division

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
St. Johnstone	19	12	2	5	27	12	29
King's Park	20	10	5	5	23	17	25
Cowdenbeath	20	8	4	8	31	19	24
Albion R.	19	9	4	6	29	22	24
Stenhousemuir	19	8	3	8	28	19	24
Bathgate	19	9	4	6	31	19	24
Johnstone	18	9	5	4	21	19	22
Bo'ness	20	7	6	7	28	22	21
Forfar A.	19	8	6	5	21	23	21
Armadale	19	9	7	3	24	26	21
Dundee United	19	7	4	6	19	21	20
Dunfermline	20	7	8	5	20	29	19
Dumbarton	19	7	10	2	20	27	16
St. Bernards	19	[illegible]	7	[illegible]	24	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vale of Leven	19	5	9	5	20	30	15
East Fife	20	6	11	3	18	29	15
Alloa	19	6	11	2	20	29	14
Broxburn	19	5	11	3	22	28	13
Arbroath	19	5	11	3	20	31	13
Lochgelly	19	3	15	1	17	33	7

CHRISTMAS GOLF ON LOCAL LINKS

RESULTS OF SWEEPSTAKES AT UPLANDS AND OAK BAY

A. T. Goward Is Winner of Victoria Club's Bogey Competition—R. K. Young Is Low Man at Uplands

A. T. Goward was the winner of the Christmas Day sweepstake competition played by the members of the Victoria Golf Club at Oak Bay on Christmas Day. Eighteen holes against bogey were played, and the winner was one down playing from scratch. There were forty-three entries, the leading scores being as follows:

	Net H'cap.	Down
A. T. Goward	8	1
A. C. Flummerfelt	9	2
Dr. Barrett	6	3
A. H. Ford	6	3
H. C. V. MacDowell	12	3
W. Parry	3	3
W. Pemberton	2	3
N. Thornton Fell	-1	4
Hew Paterson	3	4
W. C. Todd	5	4
A. M. Shaw	5	4
Harold Haynes	5	5
A. E. Haynes	5	5
A. S. G. Musgrave	2	5
Louis York	5	6
Colonel C. C. Bennett	14	6
T. Beauchamp Tye	6	6
Dr. Garesche	12	7
Arthur Coles	6	7
J. E. Wilson	7	7
Arthur Gore	8	8
Harold Johnson	3	8
A. C. S. Pitts	11	8
L. C. Boyd	8	9
J. H. Wilson	6	9

Uplands Medal Round

The Christmas Day competition at the Uplands Golf Club took the form of a men's medal round of eighteen holes with three-quarters of handicap allowed. R. K. Young was the winner, with a net score of 72. There were seventeen entries, and the leading scores were as follows:

	Gross	Hcp. Net
R. K. Young	84	12—72
J. Savident	82	9—73
R. Foulis	83	9—74
J. Macallan	87	13—74
A. M. Boyd	85	9—76
J. A. Cameron	93	15—78
R. L. Pocock	94	15—79
H. S. Hepburn	89	10—79
P. Austin	95	13—82

COUGARS LOSE FAST GAME TO MAROONS

Vancouver Hockey Team Wins Christmas Day Event on Their Home Ice by Three Goals to One

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—In what was unquestionably the fastest display of hockey seen at the Arena this season, the Vancouver Maroons accounted for the Victoria Cougars by three goals to one on Christmas afternoon, and displaced Lester Patrick's crew at the head of the P. C. H. A. loop with a margin of one point. Art Duncan and his able assistants, particularly Boucher and Mackay, showed flashes of last year's form, and showed the 5,000 in the rink that as a unit they must be seriously reckoned with as a flag contender. The Maroons outguessed the opposition most of the time, and by repeatedly boring in with their heavy artillery, made many openings for shots which were blocked by the sensational work of Fowler. The home team went in world series style from the drop of the hat, and showed no signs of tiring from the long, three-weeks' trip on the other side of the Rockies.

During the matinee the Maroons had the best of the shooting, and at no other time this year have they been so accurate in their marksmanship. It is a decided tribute to Fowler that he kept the score as low as he did. In the three periods he stopped fifty shots, two beating him in the first and one in the third. The home team had seventeen shots in each of the first two periods and nineteen in the third. The Cougars shot twelve in the first, thirteen in the second, while in the last they were able to get through for only eleven for an aggregate of thirty-six, as against fifty-three for the Maroons.

Golf Balls Leave Trail Behind Them In Fiji Islands

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Golfing in the Fiji Islands is ideal, according to Englishmen who have been there for a season, as it is almost impossible to lose a ball. Like most of the rest of the landscape, the golf links are largely covered with a sensitive plant which shrivels at a touch. Having pulled, sliced or topped his ball, the player merely has to follow it along the line of shrivelled plants to its resting place.

Gracie Wellburn Is Christmas Winner

THE annual Christmas Day swimming handicap took place on Christmas morning at the V.A.S.C.'s headquarters at the Gorge between eleven and twelve o'clock. The weather was fine, the temperature of the water higher than usual, and there were fully three hundred spectators.

There were seven starters, and once more the honor of winning this event went to a member of the Wellburn family, Gracie Wellburn finishing this year's race first in a close finish, which was a tribute to the precision with which the handicapper had done his work.

A. Stott was second, W. T. Barrett third, and Johnston fourth, all members of the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club. Tommy Wellburn fouled a ladder on his way up the course, and this mishap very likely cost him the race. The race was won by a foot, with the rest all so close as to make it hard to separate them.

Following the race, Gracie Wellburn, Peter Johnston and Stott gave a short exhibition of swimming and diving, to show the temperature suited them. A large number of photographs were taken. The handicaps were as follows: T. Wellburn, scratch; W. T. Barrett, 6; Gracie Wellburn, 9; Peter Johnston, 10; A. Stott, 14; Stanyon, 14; Turner, 14. The officials were: Referee, H. Bird (V.A.S.C.); starter and handicapper, V. J. Dunn (C.A.S.C.); judges, Geo. Stott, C. Hoskins and P. Pitt; refreshment committee, Mrs. McAllister and Mrs. Catterall. The prizes were distributed by Geo. Stott.

Garrison Secure in The Topmost Berth

Tommies Defeat the Teamsters by Two Goals to One in Wednesday League Soccer at Work Point—Broad Street Defeat the Hudson's Bays by Similar Score at Athletic Park

BY defeating the Teamsters 2-1 in a Wednesday League soccer match, played at Work Point yesterday, the Garrison jumped into undisputed occupation of the premier berth in the mid-week soccer league. The game, which was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd, proved to be one of the best exhibitions of soccer displayed on the Garrison ground for many a season. While the Garrison were struggling for soccer honors on their home ground the Broad Street eleven and the Hudson Bay were fighting for supremacy at the Royal Athletic Park. In this game the score was also 2-1, this time in favor of the Broad Street eleven.

Retain Positions

Yesterday's games did not change the standing of the teams, as the Garrison still occupy the premier berth, with the Teamsters four points behind. Broad Street maintained its third place, being just one point in the rear of the Drivers, while the other teams have not changed their position in the race for soccer honors.

Sensational goal tending by Bliss for the Tommies, in their game with the Teamsters, was responsible for the victory of his team in one of the hardest fought soccer battles of the Wednesday League. Lomas, too, in goal for the Drivers, certainly displayed some real talent as a net custodian, and the small score against the Drivers should be credited to the good work of this player.

A Hot Pace

Setting a terrific pace from the start, the teams in yesterday's battle gave the spectators who lined the sidelines plenty of excitement, and not during the whole of the game was there a dull minute. In the first half the play was of a give and take nature, and both goalies were called upon to exert themselves on more than one occasion. With about twenty minutes of the first half over, things looked somewhat blue for the Tommies, when their opponents were awarded a penalty when one of the Garrison men, in his excitement to clear, accidentally handled the ball. Davis took the kick, and made no mistake in putting his weight behind the pigskin, but Bliss between the sticks for the Tommies was quite prepared, and this opportunity of breaking into the scoring column was spoilt by the good work of this net custodian. This close call on the Garrison goal seemed to awaken new pep, and the play was carried to the other end of the field, and the opposing defence was kept on the move staving off the attacks of the soldier forwards. Seven minutes remained to be played before the rest period, when the Garrison was given a free kick about thirty yards from the goal. The player taking the kick sent the ball toward the goal, and landing just under the bar, the ball was cleared by the net custodian, but before he could realize what had really happened, Humphreys, of the Garrison, had breasted the ball into the net for the first goal of the match. The sounding of the whistle came with the Tommies leading 1-0.

It was during the early stages of the second stanza that Abercombie, of the Teamsters, met with a misfortune which necessitated his retiring from the field for the remainder of the game. With ten men, the Teamsters put up a game fight. With twenty minutes left to be played, Davis tied up the score when he beat Bliss with a high shot in the corner of the net. The score tied, and the probable outcome a draw, the teams fought with all the energy they possessed in an endeavor to get the winning tally, but such a thing seemed impossible until Ward booted the pigskin into the net after the Tommies had been awarded a corner. Lomas, in goal, had no chance to save, as at this time the front of the goal was crowded with players. Being on the wrong end of the score did not dishearten the Teamsters, who were now pressing the Garrison citadel in the hope of evening up the score. With the end of the game getting near, the Teamsters were awarded a free kick just outside the penalty area, the kick, which was taken by Speak, sent the pigskin through the air about five feet from the Garrison goal, coming in contact with the head of one of the Teamsters it sailed over the bar, and this chance of evening things up was lost. The sounding of the whistle came a few minutes later, with the score 2-1 in favor of the Garrison.

Percy Payne refereed, and the line-ups follow:

Teamsters—Lomas; Hay and Speak; McKinnon, Ord and Rowan; Kenning, Abercombie, Davis, Morton and Hatherill.

Garrison—Bliss; Armstrong and Grimes; Mitchell, Spiers and Ward; Cummings, Humphreys, Coulter, Hussleton and Pocock.

Broad Street Wins

Sagging their opponents' goal in the last five minutes of the game enabled the Broad Street soccer eleven to walk off the field victors in their match with the Hudson's Bay team at the Royal Athletic Park, when the final score was 2-1 in favor of the former team.

The game, which was spoilt by the slippery condition of both the ball and the ground, was witnessed by a fairly good crowd of spectators. Had a draw been the result, it would only have been a fair representation of the game. All the scoring was done in the second half, with the Bays drawing the first blood. In the first half both teams had a fair share of the play, but neither proved sufficiently strong enough to get through the opposing defence and bulge the hemp for a tally.

The First Goal

With twenty minutes of the first half over, the Hudson's Bay opened the scoring when the inside left sent in a shot which proved too much for the Broad Street goalie to handle, and the first goal of the match was chalked up. Ten minutes later Crawford evened things up when he booted the leather past Shrimpton for the tying goal. From then on until within five minutes of time, things were fairly even, but this did not meet with the approval of one of the Broad Street backs, and in the hope of scoring, he paid a visit to the first line of the attack, the result being that he did the trick when he scored number two for the Broad Street eleven. The sounding of the whistle came a few minutes later. Alcock refereed.

League Standing

League standing of the teams in the Victoria and District Wednesday Football League to date is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals F.	Goals A.	Pts.
Garrison	8	7	0	1	38	8	15
Teamsters	8	5	2	1	13	7	11
Broad Street	8	5	2	0	10	24	10
Hudson's Bay	7	2	3	0	3	9	4
Cranleigh House	9	0	9	0	5	44	0

GREENSHIRTS LOSE

ESQUIMALT SUCCEEDS IN BEATING THE WESTS

Score Two Goals to One in Replayed Game at Royal Athletic Park on Christmas Day

The Victoria West soccer team met their first reverse of the season when they were defeated by Esquimalt in a replay at the Royal Oak Athletic Park on Christmas morning by two goals to one. The first two goals of the game were netted in the first ten minutes of play, Jimmie Sherratt scoring the first one for the Wests and just one minute later Tom Watt evened up for Esquimalt. The Esquimalt team was playing with good combination and but for good work by the Wests' backs, Bob Whyte being conspicuous, the score against them would have mounted higher. John Watt scored Esquimalt's second goal shortly before half-time.

After the interval play was very even. Esquimalt was on the aggressive, but Bob Whyte saw to it that they should not increase their score and the Wests' defence was never again penetrated. Stokes refereed.

EASTERN HOCKEY

Toronto Beats Hamilton Two to One—Senators Win From Canadiens Three to Two

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—Although outplayed for more than forty minutes here tonight, Toronto St. Patrick's skated off the ice with the long end of a 2 to 1 count, and they have John Ross Roach to thank for their narrow victory. The Toronto wizard was on his best behavior. The Hamilton squad turned in a performance that was good enough to win any game, but in Roach they found their stumbling block. Burch, Roach and Pring turned in a fine performance.

Overtime at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—"Cy" Denenny's wicked shot from outside the defence, the puck going through Vezina's pads in overtime play, gave the Senators a 3-2 victory over the Canadiens in a National Hockey League game here tonight. Full time found the teams tied with two goals each.

From the outset it was a close-checking, bitterly-fought game, with neither team sparing the other and making liberal use of the body.

Boucher jabbed Nighbor with the butt end of his stick near the close of play. Nighbor had to be carried from the ice, and after the game it was stated that he had suffered injury to his teeth and mouth.

Tigers Win

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—Winnipeg Tigers made a startling finish to defeat Winnipeg 'Varsity in a Western Division senior hockey game here tonight, 6-5, after ten minutes' overtime.

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Man Responsible for Destroyer Wreck Goes To Foot of Navy List

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Capt. Edward H. Watson, commander of the destroyer squadron wrecked on the California coast, near Point Honda, last September, will lose 150 numbers, and Lieut.-Commander Donald T. Hunter, commander of the destroyer Delphi, one of the squadron, will lose 100 numbers as a result of naval court martial sentences approved today by Secretary Denby.

In approving the findings in the case of Captain Watson, Secretary Derby said that officer would be placed at the foot of the captains' list of the present date and there remain until he had lost 150 numbers in his grade.

Pacifics and Shells Winners of Amateur Ice Hockey Matches

Last Year's Champions Defeat Colonists by Four to Three After Splendid Game of Brilliant Hockey—Shells Beat Native Sons by Similar Score—Good Clean Hockey at Arena Last Night

LAST night at the local ice palace, two of the finest amateur hockey games seen so far this season were played. Although the Christmas season generally has a detrimental effect, as far as hockey is concerned, it was not shown by the class of hockey which was handed out. Both games were clean and hard fought and the fans who attended certainly received their money's worth.

The Pacifics, last year's champions, and the Colonists provided the feature game of the evening, the former winning by 4 to 3; while the Shells and Native Sons battled to a duplicate score in favor of the gas men.

An Even Game

The first tilt, between the Pacifics and Colonists, was very evenly contested, no score being registered until the second period, when the Pacifics notched three and the "Newsies" one. Richardson, in goal for the Colonists, played a good game and had some bad breaks, two of his goals being lucky.

In the initial period both teams played hard, and the different goalies were both called upon several times, but no score was registered. Richardson made some spectacular saves from Oatman and Miller. Art Mann missed an open goal when he overskated the puck after beating the defence and goaltender.

From the start of the second period the Pacifics pressed hard, and Miller scored with a hard shot. Oatman and Wright worked some nice combination, and Wright beat Richardson with a close-in shot. A minute later Hewer beat the Colonist goalie again with a lucky shot from the blue line, the puck hitting Richardson and glancing into the goal. The Colonists made things lively for the Pacifics for the rest of the period, and Temple scored with a long one.

First-Class Hockey

The final period was full of good hockey. The newsies' forwards produced some great combination, and Temple netted the disc twice in quick succession. With the score even both teams pressed hard, and the game looked like anybody's until Oatman, with a long shot, scored after the puck hit one of the Colonists' defence men and bounded into the goal. For the remainder of the period the Colonists played hard, but the Pacifics played a defensive game that could not be beaten.

For the winners, Oatman and Wright turned in good games, while for the losers Richardson and Temple were good.

The teams lined up as follows:

Pacifics		Colonists
Gravlin	Goal	Richardson
Goodacre	Defence	Smith
Wright	Defence	Mann
Miller	Forward	Murray
Oatman	Forward	Temple
Pinchback	Forward	Stewart
Hewer	Forward	Ackroyd

Summary

First period—Nil.

Second period — Miller, 6:00; Wright 5:00; Hewer, 1:00; Temple, 2:00.

Third period—Temple, 1:00; Temple, 3:00; Oatman, 3:05.

Penalties—Mann, 2 minutes.

Nip and Tuck

The second game, between the Native Sons and Shells, was nip and tuck until the final period. The Shells did not seem to be able to get their feet, and although the Sons were without the services of Harry Smith and Cook, they gave last year's runners-up the game of their lives. Watson, in goal for the "Sons," put up a finished display, and was responsible for the score not being much bigger. Percy stopped shot after shot that looked like sure goals, and was continually called upon. Burnett, for the Oilers, played a great game, being responsible for all three goals.

In the first period the Native Sons skated rings around the Shells. Fitzsimmons and Glazen made some fine rushes, and some good work on the part of Straith, in goal, saved the Shells several times. Fitzsimmons scored when he made a solo rush and beat the whole team. Towards the end of the period the Shells seemed to come to life and made several nice rushes, but Watson was right on the job, and the period ended one to nil for the "Sons."

Glazen put the "Sons" two up when he beat Straith with a long shot shortly after the second period started. Burnett then seemed to get mad, and beat Watson for three goals in quick time. Watson in this period played a stellar game, stopping shot after shot, and was continually applauded for his brilliant work. Tuckwell made an individual rush, beat the "Sons'" defence, and draw out Watson, but could not find the net. Fitzsimmons and Codville tried hard to score, but the Shell defence was like a stone wall.

Great Combination

In the final period both teams worked well, and the combination work on the part of the Shells' forwards was great. Watson had some of Lehman's horseshoes around his goal, and the Shells could not sag the hemp. Glazen put the two teams on even basis again when he beat Straith with a close-in shot. Shortly after, Burnett scored again when he beat the "Sons'" defence and sent a bullet shot past Watson. The "Sons" tried hard to equalize, but Straith was right on the job, and no further score was registered.

For the Oilmen, Burnett played a fine game, while for the "Sons" Fitzsimmons and Watson, in goal, played great hockey.

The teams lined up as follows:

Shells		Native Sons
Straith	Goal	Watson
Copas	Defence	Codville
Burnett	Defence	English
Matthews	Forward	Glazen
Tuckwell	Forward	Fitzsimmons
McGibbon	Forward	Jacklin

Summary

First period—Fitzsimmons, 7:00.

Second period—Glazen, 1:00; Burnett, 8:00; Burnett, 1:00; Burnett, 1:05.

Third period—Glazen, 3:00; Burnett, 4:00.

No penalties.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Results of soccer games played in the United Kingdom today (Boxing Day) were as follows:

English League

First Division

Birmingham 1, Manchester City 0.
Cardiff City 3, Sheffield United 1.
Chelsea 1, Nottingham F. 1.
Everton 2, Sunderland 3.
Middlesboro 3, Burnley 0.
Huddersfield 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1.
Newcastle United 2, Liverpool 1.
Notts Forest 1, Arsenal 2.
Preston N.E. 0, Blackburn Rovers 1.
West Bromwich A. 0, Bolton W. 5.
West Ham 1, Aston Villa 0.

Second Division

Blackpool 0, Stockport 0.
Barnsley 1, Manchester U. 0.
Crystal Palace 1, Bristol City 0.
Derby C. 6, Nelson 0.
Hull 5, Fulham 2.
Leeds U. 5, Oldham A. 0.
Leicester C. 1, Clapton Orient 2.
Stoke 2, Bradford C. 0.
The Wednesday 2, Coventry C. 0.

Third Division—Southern Section

Aberdare A. 5, South End U. 2.
Brentford 2, Bournemouth U. 0.
Brighton and Hove A. 4, Luton Town 0.
Bristol R. 0, Reading 0.
Charlton A. 3, Queen's Park 0.
Exeter C. 0, Plymouth A. 4.
Newport C. 4, Merthyr Town 4.
Norwich C. 1, Gillingham 0.
Portsmouth 0, Millwall 1.
Swindon Town 2, Northampton 0.
Watford 2, Swansea Town 2.

Third Division—Northern Section

Accrington 2, Southport 0.
Bradford 4, Doncaster 2.
Crewe A. 0, Grimsby Town 0.
Darlington 5, Barrow 1.
Hartlepool U. 1, Halifax Town 3.
New Brighton 1, Ashington 1.
Rochdale 1, Lincoln C. 0.
Rotherham C. 1, Chesterfield 2.
Wigan 2, Walsall 1.
Wolverhampton 2, Durham C. 1.
Wrexham 1, Tranmere 2.

Christmas Games

Soccer games on Christmas Day resulted as follows:

English League

First Division

Aston Villa 1, West Ham United 0.
Blackburn R. 2, Preston 0.
Bolton W. 2, West Bromwich A. 0.
Burnley 0, Middlesboro 0.
Liverpool 0, Newcastle U. 1.
Nottingham F. 2, Chelsea 0.
Sheffield U. 1, Cardiff City 1.
Tottenham H. 1, Huddersfield T. 0.

Second Division

Bradford C. 2, Bury 2.
Bristol C. 0, Crystal Palace 0.
Clapton Orient 1, Leicester City 0.
Coventry City 5, The Wednesday 1.
Fulham 1, Hull City 1.
Manchester U. 1, Barnsley 2.
Nelson 2, Derby County 1.
Oldham A. 2, Leeds U. 2.
Portvale 0, South Shields 0 (abandoned owing to snow).
Stockport C. 2, Blackpool 1.

Third Division—Southern Section

Bournemouth U. 2, Brentford 4.
Gillingham 3, Norwich C. 1.
Luton Town 0, Brighton and Hove A. 0.
Merthyr Town 3, Newport C. 3.
Millwall 2, Portsmouth 0.
Plymouth A. 4, Exeter City 0.
Queen's Park 0, Charlton A. 0.
Reading 3, Bristol Rovers 2.
Southend United 1, Aberdare A. 1.
Swansea Town 1, Watford 0.

Third Division—Northern Section

Barrow 1, Darlington C. 1.
Chesterfield 3, Rotherham C. 1.
Grimsby Town 2, Crewe A. 0.
Halifax Town 1, Hartlepool U. 0.
Lincoln City 0, Rochdale 2.
Southport 1, Accrington 0.
Tranmere Rovers vs. Ashington missing.
New Brighton vs. Wolverhampton unplayed.
Doncaster Rovers vs. Bradford missing.

Scottish League

First Division

Third Lanark 1, Dundee 1 (abandoned).

Northern Rugby Union

Batley 2, Leeds 5.
Huddersfield 0, Halifax 2.
Hull-Kingston 18, Hull 9.
Hunslet 16, Featherstone 7.
Keighley 9, Bradford 8.
Oldham 37, Swinton 10.
Rochdale 16, Barrow 8.
St. Helens Recs. 21, St. Helen 2.
Wakefield 13, Dewsbury 10.
York 14, Wigan Highfield 0.
Broughton vs. Salford postponed.

Rugby Union

Aberavon 0, Mount Ash 0.
Bridgewater 0, Ebbvale 0.
Llanelly 10, London Irish 0.
Heath 26, London Welsh 3.
Swansea 4, Watsonians 3.
Nuneston 13, Treherbert 0.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Rugby games played today in the United Kingdom had the following results:

Northern Union

Barrow 15, Oldham 4.
Bradford 14, Bramley 12.
Dewsbury 9, Batley 0.
Featherstone 10, Wakefield 0.
Halifax 3, Huddersfield 15.
Hull 0, York 0.
Keighley 18, Hull-Kingston 2.
Leeds 7, Hunslet 11.
Leigh 16, St. Helens Recs. 3.
Salford 3, Swinton 5.
Warrington 5, Rochdale 6.
St. Helen 2, Wigan 44.
Wigan Highfield-Widnes postponed, ground unfit.

Rugby League

Blackheath 21, Racing Club de France 3.
Pill Harriers 9, London Irish 11.
Llanelly 26, London Welsh 6.
Gloucester 9, Old Merchant Tailors 3.
Bath 6, Abertillery 3.
Leicester 37, Birkenhead Park 3.
Birmingham 0, Pontypool 16.
Swansea 10, Crosskeys 2.
Hartlepool 22, Royal High School 7.
Moseley 8, Old Edwardians 0.
Newport 21, Watsonians 9.
Northampton 21, Crumlin 3.
Aberavon 0, Maesteg 3.
Cardiff 19, Plymouth 0.
Bristol 20, Portsmouth Services 0.
Nuneston 5, Treorichy 0.

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CLOSED CARS

MOSCOW, Dec. 26.—The bandit leader Kuprenko, one of General Petlura's chief lieutenants, has been executed by order of the district court sitting in Kiev. Kuprenko was tried for the shooting of a Jewish family living in a village of the Kiev district.

At the Playhouses

MIX BAFFLES CROOKS IN STEPPING FAST

Tom Casts Aside His Famous Stetson and Journeys to China in This Fascinating Picture

In his latest William Fox picture, "Stepping Fast," showing at the Columbia Theatre for the balance of the week, Tom Mix exchanges his famous Stetson for the small white hat of a sailor during part of the action, in which the star plays the role of a young ranchman who inadvertently gets mixed up with a gang of international crooks. Then the fun and the momentum begins and "Stepping Fast" is Tom's middle name.

He works his way to China as a stoker on a tramp steamer to get the treasure map from the crooks. There he meets and saves the life of the girl whose father entrusted him with the stolen secret. Then they race back across the Pacific in hot pursuit of the crooks.

TOM MIX

Who is appearing in "Stepping Fast," showing at the Columbia Theatre today, tomorrow and Saturday.

Once on American soil, Tom and the girl, who is none other than Claire Adams, fling themselves into Tom's racer. With cutout open and engine roaring like a young cyclone, they speed across the desert to the site where the treasure is buried.

There a novel, yet terrific, battle takes place. Tom mauls a couple of the crooks, but the third one escapes with the treasure on horseback. Tom, nothing daunted, leaps into his racer and gives a demonstration of fast trick riding that is guaranteed to make your heart pound on the double-quick. He heads off the horseman at every turn, and, finally, standing up in the racer, leaps atop the rider, dragging him to the ground.

PLAYHOUSE THEATRE For rare beauty of background few pictures that have been screened this season can equal the picture version of Sir J. M. Barrie's "The Little Minister," which Penryhn Stanlaws, the artist-director, produced for Paramount with Betty Compson in the role of "Lady Babbie," made famous on the stage by Maude Adams. The picture, which will be shown at the Playhouse Theatre today, Friday and Saturday, gives many views of the picturesque village of "Thrums" Kirriemuir, Scotland). Barrie's birthplace, in contrast with the famous Rintoul Castle, built after the style of the old Norman Castles, with high ceilings, stone mullioned and leaded glass windows, high arches and huge stone stairways. In the village the homes of the poor weavers are shown as well as the town hall and kirk. The lookout scenes, taken on top of Mount Hollywood, also present delightful silhouette studies.

CAPITOL THEATRE The new Paramount picture which opened at the Capitol Theatre Monday, "Big Brother," an Allan Dwan production of the story by Rex Beach, is a bear for thrills; there is not a lagging moment throughout its entire length. This is the greatest of Rex Beach's works—greatest because he wrote it from his heart.

It is an altogether unusual production, in that it depicts graphically just what the Big Brother movement is endeavoring to accomplish throughout the world—the proper raising of the boys and youths—the future men of the land on whom the destiny of their country rests. It is the story of one "big brother," taken as a concrete example of what is to be generally expected from others the world over.

DOMINION THEATRE Ability as a vaudeville actor enabled Mervyn Le Roy to make the step with ease from the stage to the screen. For nine years he was on the road in various vaudeville shows. He decided to make the change because he saw greater opportunities as a screen actor. His latest role is that of Jack Rawlins, a young dandy who has a passion for "shooting dice" in "The Call of the Canyon," a Zane Grey production for Paramount in which Richard Dix, Lois Wilson and Marjorie Daw are featured, and which comes to the Dominion Theatre all this week.

JACKIE COOGAN COMING HERE IN BIGGEST FILM

With more than $400,000 spent on the construction of the sets alone, Jackie Coogan's latest picture, "Long Live the King," which comes to the Dominion next week, his first under the $1,500,000 Metro contract which was given him recently, ought to fulfill all the advance reports which were broadcasted throughout the country at the time this picture was in the making in Hollywood.

"Long Live the King" is an adaptation of Mary Roberts Rinehart's famous novel of the same name. It was directed by Victor Schertzinger from the continuity by C. Gardner Sullivan and Eve Unsell and photographed by Frank Good and Robert Martin. William Van Brincken was research expert and J. J. Hughes art director. The picture was produced for Metro under the personal supervision of Jack Coogan, sr.

AMUSEMENTS

The Screen

Capitol—"Big Brother," starring Tom Moore.

Columbia—Tom Mix in "Stepping Fast."

Dominion—Richard Dix in "The Call of the Canyon."

Playhouse—Betty Compson in "The Little Minister."

The Stage

Royal — Christmas Pantomime. Sousa's Band, Saturday.

SAN CARLO CO. OPENS AT ROYAL ON JANUARY 2

There is every indication that this year's engagement of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company in Victoria, to open on January 2, at the Royal Victoria, is going to be one of the most auspicious events in the history of local musical enterprise. Besides presenting several artists of recognized international celebrity, impresario Fortune Gallo will round out his performances with a supporting ensemble that places the stamp of "second to none" on this year's San Carlo Company. This is furthermore borne out in considering the scenic investure, brilliant and colorful new costumes, incidental lighting effects, etc. In other words, the San Carlo may now be considered as one of the world's truly great lyric organizations.

Among the distinguished stars and guest artists to be heard here with the San Carlo may be mentioned Bianca Sareya, Consuelo Escobar, Haru Onuki (Japanese prima donna), Alice Gentle, Manuel Salazar, Gaetano Tommasini, and others to be announced later.

SOUSA SAYS THAT E-STRING TELLS WORLD LOVE STORY

"If the E-string of the violin never had been invented, I wonder how much love there would have been in the world?" Lieut.-Com. John Philip Sousa, the famous bandmaster, recently propounded the question pensively, as he stood in the foyer of a New York theatre, chatting with a friend between the acts. He had just seen a play in which a girl resisted the love spell of an Egyptian garden of rare scent and beauty with a tropical moon shining upon the water only to succumb to the spell when a melody, played upon the E-string of a violin in the distance, floats into the garden.

"However much love there might be in the world, there would be little in music, if we did not have the E-string," Mr. Sousa continued. "I wonder if many people, even musicians, have ever remarked upon the fact that the greater part of the musical love expression of the world has come within the range of the E-string of the violin. It is very difficult for me to recall a love theme of any great renown which did not fall within this range, and I have taken particular note, since I made the discovery myself, to watch the effect fo the E-string music whenever I have attended a violin recital or a concert.

"A band, of course, does not utilize the violin, and the violin effects are largely expressed in the wood wind. But the love effect is fully preserved, and whenever the wood wind begins to sing a love theme within the range of the E-string of the violin, I always can sense very definitely the love response in my audience." Sousa's Band will appear at the Royal Saturday, December 29, for two performances, one matinee and one evening.

PERFECT FOOL COMING TO ROYAL FOR TWO NIGHTS

True Rice and his pretty little partner, Flo Newton, at present appearing with Ed Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," which will be seen at the Royal Victoria Theatre, Victoria, two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10, were "lifted" from vaudeville. Wynn has a habit of digging into vaudeville's realm for likeable talent, and judging by results, especially in the case of True Rice and Flo Newton, is a good chooser.

PETER PAN'S DREAM

APPLAUSE GREETS PANTOMIME AT ROYAL VICTORIA

Gorgeous Spectacle Staged by Gonzales Chapter and Produced by Mr. Hincks

A Christmas pantomime with all the fitting ingredients was wholeheartedly enjoyed by hundreds of children and their friends yesterday afternoon when the first performance of "Peter Pan's Dream" was presented at the Royal Victoria Theatre by the Gonzales Chapter, I.O.D.E., in aid of the Jubilee Hospital. The pantomime will be again repeated this evening and tomorrow evening, and it is without doubt one of the finest entertainments ever staged by local talent. "Peter Pan's Dream" was specially written and produced by Mr. Reginald N. Hincks, and the cast includes the foremost of Victoria's talented artists.

Magnificent scenery, gorgous costumes, graceful dances and catchy melodies, augmented by a plot sufficient to carry the pantomime with a pleasing liveliness, and the right little touches of humor at the right moment, all combine to make "Peter Pan's Dream" one of the outstanding events of the Christmas holidays—an entertainment which may be thoroughly enjoyed alike by young and old.

Audience Evinces Approval

No detail has been overlooked which could possibly add to the pleasure of the audience, nor detract from the general spectacular splendor of the scenes. The pantomime has been an immense undertaking and the ladies of Gonzales Chapter, I.O.D.E., under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. Genge and Mr. Hincks, must have been gratified by the enthusiastic applause and appreciation of yesterday's audience.

The musical numbers in the three acts were excellent, the special songs written for the occasion by Mr. Douglas Macey and Commander Colville were most heartily applauded, while the Oriental and the famous Mah Jong Dance, invented and the dancers trained by Miss Lillian Michaelis, who took the role of Mile. Mah Jong, were most artistically conceived and executed. The scenery added much to the charm of the production and was designed by Mr. Stewart G. Clark, who deserved the warmest praise for his work. Major Taylor built the properties used. The costumes, which proved quite a feature of the play were the work of Mrs. Charles Stuart, assisted by Mrs. L. A. Genge, Mrs. Taylor and ladies of the Chapter, while the beautiful lights which were played on the chorus during the dances were the property of, and loaned by Mrs. Genge. The handsome mandarin costumes were kindly lent by Carter's Oriental Store. Mr. James Macfarlane trained the Highland dancers, and Piper Donald Cameron played the bag pipes for the dances.

Splendid Pantomime Cast

The pantomime was complete in every detail. For the joy of the kiddies there was an adorable black cat, "Felix," played by Mr. Malcolm Billingsley, which frisked about the stage with feline airiness, and directed Peter Pan in his wanderings until he finally weds the lovely Princess. The part of Peter Pan was taken most charmingly by Miss Rosemary Nalsmith, and that of the Princess—or the Little Girl With No Name of Her Own, by Miss Marie Machaughlin, whose beautiful voice was heard to advantage in her numerous solos which were all rendered most artistically.

To bring out the lighter side of the comedy there was the Marquis of Rolled Oats (Major W. Taylor), the Prince of Pickled Onions (Mr. Hal Groves), and Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs. The latter parts were taken respectively by Mr. H. J. Davis and Mr. Bob Webb, and with two such accomplished actors the Jiggs family scored a tremendous success. The villain, albeit a remarkably nice villain, was played by Mr. Alec McCloy as Capt. Hook, who possessed a bodyguard which brought joy to the heart of every Scotsman in the house, and included N. Ferguson, A. Sharp, N. Macfarlane, M. Wallace, A. Grant, I. White and G. Acreman. The redoubtable little kilted bodyguard was the object of great admiration with the audience, and after performing the sword dance and a Highland dance the applause was deafening.

Mr. James Macfarlane was popular in his two characters, first as a sailor, dancing a hornpipe, and later as a charwoman, singing a song.

Dancer Scores Success

Miss Roberta Balcom, the personification of grace, was the Fairy Gladness and her three dances were outstanding in their charm and beauty.

Miss Gladys Thorpe took the role of herald, Mr. Jackie Trimble that of the policeman, while Messrs. Alec MacPhillips and Drennan Hincks were The Army.

The first act, "A Street in Coca-Cola," introduced the cast, and gave the singers and dancers several opportunities of displaying their unquestionable ability. In Act 2, "Captain Hook's Castle," a circus, afforded great amusement, and showed the faithful Spark Plug, a horse of unusual talent at his best. Spark Plug was sustained by Messrs. Lenny Oliver and partner. Act 3, "The King's Palace, the Court of the Golden Elephant," was the setting for the beautiful Mah Jong dance, and an acrobatic display by a Y.M.C.A. troupe. "Young Canada," and later the happy ending when the Little Girl With No Name is found by the Fairy Princess to be the real Princess with whom Peter Pan is in love, so, like all good pantomimes, "all's well that ends well."

Talented Chorus

The young ladies of the chorus, who appeared in rich Oriental dresses and danced and sang most appealingly, were the Misses Molly Birch, Nora McEachern, Helen Nicholson, Virtue Errington, Frances Briggs, Daisy Corrance, Violet Josephs, Carrol Tolmie, Barbara Gluson, Mona Winter, Roma Hartley, Mary Campbell, Helen Macdonald, Edie Timberley, Violet Punnett, Amy Alexander, Ina Castle, Dorothy Scott, Leonora Hyndeman, Beryl Hyndeman, Jane Warter, Minnie Davie, Freda Warter, Dorothy Locke, Bennie Smith, Clara Moody, Winifred Lee, Mona Miller, Ethel Hale, Jessie Chetham, Nettie Blankenbach, Ethel Anderson, Catherine Bagshawe.

Miss Allen's TESTED RECIPES No. 45

Miss Phoebe's Sand Tarts

(The favorite recipe of a charming old Southern lady who lives in Flemingsburg, Ky.)

1½ pints brown sugar (3 cupfuls)
½ pint Crisco (1 cupful)
1 teaspoonful salt
2 eggs and whites of 3
1 teaspoonful vanilla
flour to roll (about 7½ cups)
cinnamon
blanched almonds

Cream the Crisco and add sugar slowly and beat until creamy. Add the well-beaten eggs and the salt, then the vanilla and flour. Roll thin and cut in rounds. Beat the egg whites until stiff and dry. In the center of each tart put a teaspoonful of the egg white, dust with granulated sugar and cinnamon, and finish with 3 halves of almond. Bake quickly to a light brown.

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DOMINION - Next Week

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Mr. Wm. M. Kunkel ..... Piccolo
Mr. Joseph De Luca ..... Euphonium

Prices, Matinee $2.20, $1.65, $1.10, 85¢
Prices, Evening, $2.75, $2.20, $1.65, $1.10, 85¢

PRICES INCLUDE TAX—SEATS NOW ON SALE

Community Concert

Auspices 5th Regt. Canadian Garrison Artillery

Armories, Bay St., Saturday, Dec. 29

5th 20-Piece Orchestra Under Bandmaster Albert Rumsby

Dancing 8:30 to 11

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JACKSON HANBY, Director

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Mr. Handley Wells, Basso
Alfred Gurney, Organist
Grace Deaville, Pianist

Seat Sale Fletcher Bros. Admission 50c and 25c

Friday at 8 o'clock

Centennial Church

Italian Philanthropist Dead

MANTUA, Italy, Dec. 26.—Count Gaetano Bonoris, famed as a philanthropist, died today. Some years ago he turned over a vast amount of acreage for the establishment of a home for foundlings.

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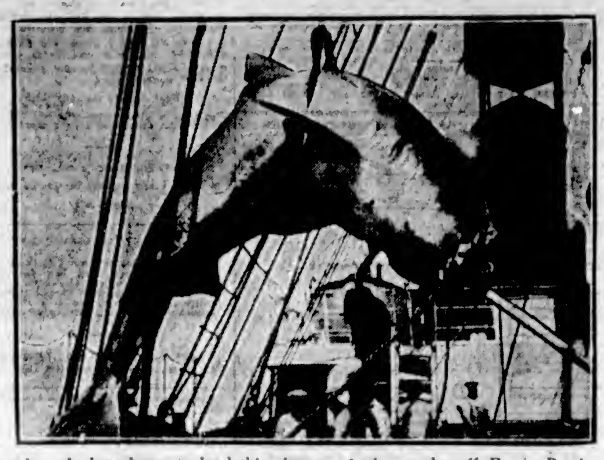
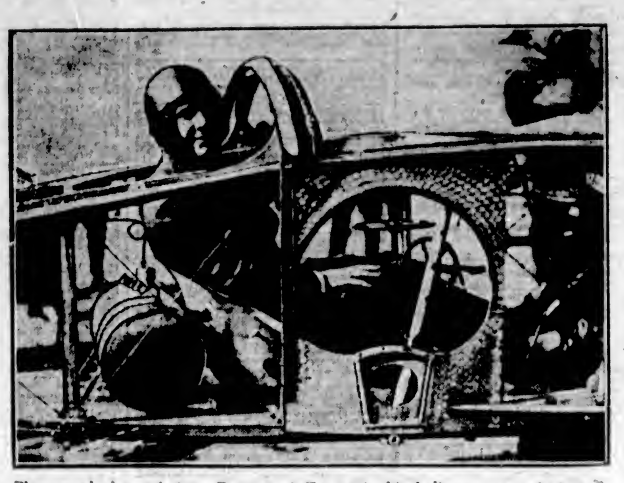
The Colonist's Pictorial Page

Photograph shows Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin, who was selected to run as vice-president, with Coolidge as president, in the North Dakota primaries. The senator said he has not taken the nomination seriously



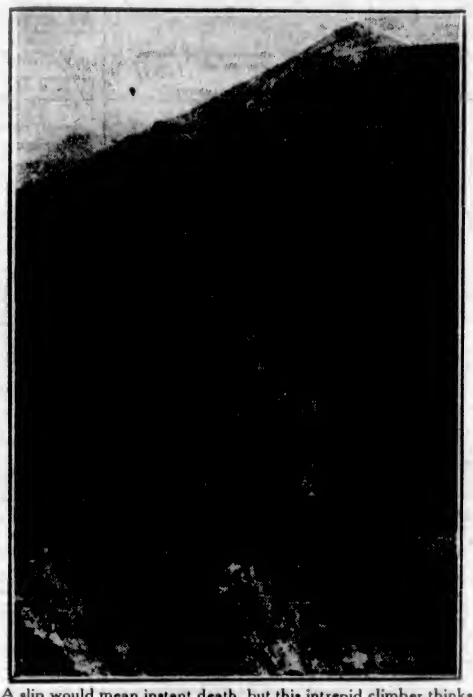
It took three hours to land this gigantic shark, caught off Puerto Barrios, Guatemala. This shovel-nose species is twelve feet, six inches long, and weighs about a thousand pounds



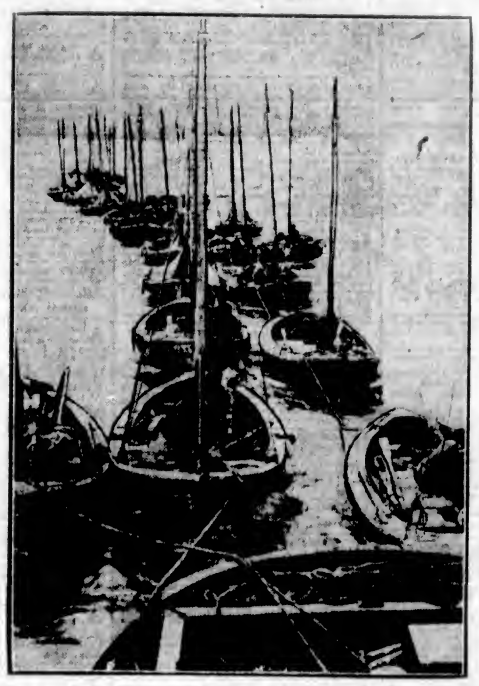
Photograph shows Aviator Pescara of France in his helicopter, in which he broke the world's record for flying. He flew for 16 minutes, 45 seconds, breaking by 11 minutes the old record

Here is the latest portrait of Princess Marie Jose of Belgium, who is engaged to the Crown Prince of Italy. Her brother, the Crown Prince of Belgium, is engaged to Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King of Italy

Here is said to be an ideal radio set for hikers. It was shown at a radio exhibition in Chicago recently, where it was tried out successfully as a receiving and broadcasting station



A slip would mean instant death, but this intrepid climber thinks the chance is worth it for the splendid view from the top of Hoodoo in the Astoria Valley, Jasper Park



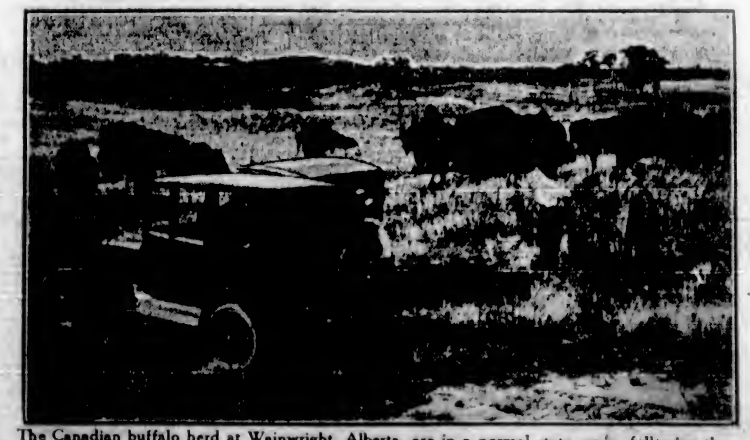
Here is a splendid view of a large salmon fleet from the stern of a tow-boat on the Skeena River, British Columbia, the centre of Canada's salmon fishing industry

Mrs. Rudolph Valentino has become a dancer of note. Recently she sailed from New York to rejoin her husband at Nice, where they plan to spend the rest of the winter. The couple then plan to tour the continent as dancers

What has now become an every-day scene is this one showing Mexican troops marching through towns and villages, fully equipped and ready for battle at a moment's notice. Mexico City is the goal of the rebel army

Harry Ferguson, adventurer, who fooled New York society by posing as Prince Obolenski of Russia, was arrested recently and is being held until he can be deported. Detectives say he was a tailor in London a few years ago

Even the women have formed an auxiliary Ku Klux Klan. Recently hundreds of them gathered at a Konklave held in Youngstown, Ohio. The organization would have paraded through the city had the police permitted



The Canadian buffalo herd at Wainwright, Alberta, are in a normal state again, following the slaughter of some of their brethren and the wide publicity given their colony through newspapers and moving picture men

The first snowfall in Washington caused excitement among the pages on Capitol Hill when they began their first battle. The Democrats put up a hard fight, but the Republicans won

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BIRTHS

WILLIAMSON—December 25, at St. Joseph's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Williamson (nee Idetta McKey), a daughter.

DEATHS

HOCKLEY—On December 25, 1923, at the family residence at Langford, Elizabeth Wanese Hockley, aged .. years; born in England. She is survived by one daughter, at home, and two sons. Service will be held at her late residence on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Colwood Cemetery.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS 1

A.O.U.W., WESTERN Star Lodge, dance in Semple's Hall, New Year's Eve, 9 to 1. Admission 50c. Refreshments.

BIG dance, Caledonia Hall, December 29. Good music. Ladies 25c, gents 35c. 8:30-11:30.

MILITARY 500 and dance, Conservative rooms, Campbell Building, Thursday, 27th, 8:30 sharp. 14 scrip and 8 free tombola prizes; 2 fat turkeys and half ton coal. Mrs. Gleason's orchestra. All for 25c.

MRS. WINCH has removed from Pandora Ave. to Quadra Apartments, Suite 3, corner Fort and Quadra. Phone 7874L.

MRS. ALAN HORSFIELD, A.R.C.M., A.G.S.M., gold medallist, London, England, pianoforte teacher, 1739 N. Hampshire Road. Phone 3037Y1.

WANTED—MALE HELP 2

AN old-established insurance company, writing accident and automobile insurance, wishes to appoint a resident agent for Victoria and vicinity. Applications to be made to Messrs. Laidner & Cantelon, Solicitors, Rogers Building, Vancouver. All correspondence strictly confidential.

CANVASSERS, Province agents and distributors; big profits. New, exceptionally useful, necessary household article; every home buys several. Handycap Co., 93 Park Place, Newark, N.J.

EARN $5 to $25 weekly. The pleasant HOME WORK WAY—Making socks on the fast, easily learned AUTO KNITTER. Experience unnecessary; distance immaterial; positively no canvassing. Particulars, 3c stamp, Dept. 34-C., Auto Knitter Co., Toronto.

EXPERIENCED advertising solicitor wanted by The Vancouver World newspaper; good salary to right person. Write, giving references to Manager, Vancouver Daily World, Vancouver, B.C.

MAKE money at home, $10 to $25 paid weekly for your spare time writing show cards for us. No canvassing. We instruct you and supply you with work. West Angus Showcard Service, 39 Colborne Bldg., Toronto.

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WANTED—Smart, willing boy, handy with tools; references. Box 7006, Colonist.

100 MEN WANTED to qualify for all branches of Motor-Garage and Electrical work. Highest wages. Earn while you learn plan. Easy work. Before joining elsewhere see the Great Million Dollar Trade School system. 10 branches. Write or call quick for Free Catalogue and list of jobs. Hemphill Auto, Tractor and Electrical School, 1311 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C., or 804 E. Pike Street, Seattle, Wash., U.S.A. Transportation paid to either school.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP 3

AFTER CHRISTMAS, WHAT?

GOING to prepare for the future? A course at Sprott-Shaw Institute will qualify you for something better. Many courses. Day and evening classes. Phone 28, or write for syllabus. 1310 Douglas Street, Victoria.

MAID for light housework, care of child, 3 years old. Apply 1044 Queen's Ave. Phone 2439R.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP 3 (Continued)

RELIABLE woman for light housework and care of children. 147 St. Lawrence, after 9.

WANTED—Lady help for housework, light cooking and two small children; Oak Bay. Apply mornings, phone 2819H.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE 4

CAPABLE, clearheaded man of integrity and resource, accountant, manager, correspondent; experience in important businesses. P.O. Box 343, Victoria.

DAIRYMAN

DAIRYMAN, first-class milker, open for immediate engagement; wages $35 and board. Box 7008, Colonist.

WANTED—Job by a reliable man, steady or odd jobs. Phone 8109L.

YOUNG man, wishing to learn the business, wants work, poultry or dairy farm, in return for board. Box 9332, Colonist.

$30 A MONTH, good home, ample time off, to young woman for plain cooking and housework. Call immediately, 2705X.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE 5

FINE lingerie, Jaeger's, curtains laundered. Silks tinted. Best work only. Phone 1318R.

FIRST-CLASS cook wants position, hotel, institution; best of references. Box 6337, Colonist.

HIGH School girl wishes good home in Victoria, in exchange for light duties; small remuneration. Write 1324 Cade Street, Peterson Ave., Burnaby, B.C.

LADY will give light services and a small payment for room and board in quiet home. Give particulars, Box 9412, Colonist.

EDUCATIONAL 6

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5 ACRES CULTIVATED LAND, 4 miles out, on paved road. City water and E. L. available. Mortgage sale. $1,500.

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5-ROOMED bungalow of true California type and interior finish, including heavy beaming, panelling, plate rails, built-in buffet, window seats, cabinet kitchen, etc.; full basement with furnace and wash trays. Prettily situated on a good paved and boulevarded street. Offered for $3,650; terms.

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2 ACRES, 1 under cultivation; good land. 6-roomed modern bungalow, plumbing, septic tank; large living-room, fireplace. High position. Stable, garage. 2½-mile circle; near car line and paved road. Only $2,503. Bagshawe & Co., Sayward Bldg.

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33 ACRES, less than six miles from centre of Victoria. About ten acres cleared and cultivated, balance light timber; excellent soil. Buildings consist of comfortable four-room cottage, barn and chicken houses, good water supply. Property is fenced, good road frontage, congenial neighborhood. Price, $4,030.

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1233 Government Street

CHEAP FARM

50 ACRES, 15 cleared, 6 acres bottom land. House of 4 rooms, pantry, and bathroom. Chicken houses, barn for 10 head and outbuildings. Good mixed orchard. Water from well. Low taxes. Easy transportation; good roads.

PRICE $3,500; TERMS.

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111 PEMBERTON BLDG.
PHONE 5331

$3000—AN exceptionally nice little home, consisting of one acre fine soil, all cultivated, large and small fruits. 6-roomed bungalow, city light, water and phone. Chicken house. Ideal location, on paved road, about 3 miles out. Owner going East.

MUTUAL REALTY
613 Sayward Bldg.

PROPERTY FOR SALE 44

$6250—A MOST comfortable, modern residence, standing in 4 acres of land, with good open view, containing 4 sitting-rooms with open fireplaces, hall, kitchen, pantry, lavatory, 6 large and 1 small bedroom, with h. and c. wash basins, bathroom, toilet; cement basement; central heating and electric light throughout; very pretty garden; garage; close to golf and tennis clubs.

G. WALLICH
Real Estate and Insurance Agent
Cowichan Station E. & N. Railway

FARMS FOR SALE 47

FOR Sale—Dairy farm near Nanaimo, approximately fifty (50) acres, with twenty-eight in crop this year. Nine milking cows, seven yearlings, some calves, two horses, one bull, one hundred hens, some rabbits, etc. All cattle registered Jerseys. One dwelling house, large barn, milk house, sheds, outhouses. Large quantity farm implements and machinery. About fifty tons hay, twelve tons roots. Clear title deed. Only reason for selling death of owner. Dairy business realizes $200 per month. Situated five minutes from bay and village. It supplies. Price $10,000 cash, or $12,000 on terms. Apply Robt. Donnachie, 374 Nicol Street, Nanaimo.

PERSONAL 56

DEAR Madge,—Your Tom loves a good sausage. Give him Prested's. They are all pork. Real jake. You can get them in the Market on Wednesday and Saturday at Stall 19, or phone 1917. Yours ever, Maud.

MISS AYREL SYNCLARE, lecturer and teacher of psychology and character analysis, will be at the Dominion Hotel until about Jan. 31. She has helped many to find themselves and their proper vocations. Let her help you. Verbal analysis $1.00, written $2. Special prices for helping entertain at social affairs. Phone 682.

SEATTLE to Los Angeles (Cadillac)—Private party can take 3 passengers, $35 each, leaving Seattle Jan. 2nd. Phone 2544R.

MONEY TO LOAN 52

AGREEMENTS for sale and mortgages purchased. Money to loan on improved property. Dunlop & Foot, Barristers, 612 Sayward Bldg.

IN sums ranging from $250 to $20,000, on improved farm and city property. Apply P. R. Brown & Sons, 1112 Broad Street. Phone 1076.

MONEY to Loan on improved property. Heisterman, Forman & Co., 602 View Street. Phone 55.

TIMBER BROKERS 60

LARGE and small tracts of timber, accessible to rail and water, for sale. Wise & Co., 109 Pemberton Bldg.

RYAN MACINTOSH TIMBER COMPANY, LIMITED, TIMBER CRUISERS, VALUATORS AND CONSULTING ENGINEERS. Timber for sale in large or small tracts. Crown grant or licence, in any part of the Province. 702 BELMONT HOUSE, VICTORIA.

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Respectfully solicits the patronage of local residents in the lines of business hereunder mentioned:

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BUILDERS' SUPPLIES
JOHNSON BROS., 2344 Avebury Street. Phone 4732.
BONDS
G. C. MORRIS, 711 Fort. Phone 2140.
CARPENTER AND BUILDER
EVANS & GREEN, 1870 Dallas Road. Phone 6362X.
CLOTHIERS
FYVIE BROTHERS, 617 Government Street. Phone 1896.
A. H. C. JONES, with D. F. Sprinkling, corner View and Broad. Phone 4100.
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HENSON & CO., 402 Gorge Road. Phones 6047 and 116X.
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H. CLARKE, 413 Central Building. Phone 1362.
ELECTRICIANS
FOX & MAINWARING, Pemberton Building. Phone 6011.
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HOTEL KEEPERS
NICHOLSON & WILLIS, Sooke Harbor Hotel.
INSURANCE
W. J. BRICK, 307 B.C. Permanent Loan Building. Phone 1070.
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Names of five Legal Firms may be obtained from the President. Phone 6972.
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ORCHESTRA AND BAND
A. RUMSBY, 6th Regiment Band. 331 Niagara Street.
PAINTING AND DECORATING
T. H. RENDELL, 1420 Bay Street. Phone 4576Y.
PLUMBERS
VETERANS' PLUMBING COMPANY, Fort and Langley. Phone 4911.
R. J. COSTELLO, Lake Hill P.O. Phone 3570X.
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J. H. GILLESPIE, 711 Fort Street. Phone 2040.
T. B. MONK & CO., 604 B.C. Permanent Loan Building. Phone 2761.
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GENERAL SERVICE TRANSPORT, LTD., 1107 Langley. Phone 60.
JOHNSON BROS., 2344 Avebury Street. Phone 4730.
TOBACCONIST
J. DIROM, Horseshoe Cigar Stand, 1232 Government Street. Phone 7180O.

(Form F)

MINERAL ACT

Certificate of Improvements

NOTICE—Peggy, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Ayeh Fr., Dody Fr. and White Rock Fractional Mineral Claims situate in the Victoria Mining Division of Renfrew District.

Where located—East of Jordan River.

TAKE NOTICE that I, F. C. Green, acting as agent for Sunloch Mines, Limited, Non Personal Liability, Free Miner's Certificate No. 72651C, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 80, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this ninth day of November, A.D., 1923.

F. C. GREEN, B.C.L.S.
221 Pemberton Bldg., Victoria, B.C.

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Schools Open to Beginners, Jan. 7

Children commencing school for the first time will be admitted to the Victoria Graded Schools upon the reopening of schools after Christmas vacation. Only children are eligible for admission who have reached the age of six on or before February 28th, 1924. Parents are requested to register names with principal concerned or at the School Board Office. No beginners will be admitted after January 18th, 1924.

Board of School Trustees, Victoria, B.C., December 18th, 1923.

CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA

TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Tenders, sealed, endorsed "Tenders for Supplies," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 7th, 1924, for the supplying of the following articles to the Corporation of the City of Victoria for the year 1924:

Fish	Coal
Meat	Sand and Gravel
Milk	Cement
Bread	Blueprints
Wood	Stationery
Printing	

Specifications and particulars may be obtained at the office of the City Purchasing Agent.

The lowest of any other tender not necessarily accepted.

E. S. MICHELL,
Purchasing Agent.
City Hall, Victoria, B.C.,
Dec. 14, 1923.

Boys' Express Wagons $2.50
Carving Sets $2.50
Children's Rockers $1.00
And a Big Stock of Suitable Gifts

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Furniture—Antiques
Compliments of the Season to All
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Choice Pair Tapestry Chairs	$39.00
Large Easy Overstuffed Chair	19.00
Sleepy Hollow Chair in Tapestry	9.50
Tapestry Chesterfield, a bargain	65.00
"Kroeler" Divenette Bed, tapestry	49.00
Brass Twin Beds and Coil Springs	49.00
Brass Bed, Spring and Mattress	17.50
Oak Dining Set—a new one, for	65.00
Dining Tables, Fumed or Golden	25.00
Solid Walnut Sideboard	18.00
Kitchen Cabinet, like new	16.50
Gramophones reduced, $55, $56, $16 and	10.50

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Serbia lost 127,535 men in the World War

BRITISH REVENUE SHOWS DECREASE

EIGHT MONTHS' EXPENDITURES ALSO REDUCED

Revenue Receipts Have Amounted to Fifty-Nine Per Cent of Budget Estimate

British revenue receipts amounted to 485,117,648 pounds in the first eight months (to December 1) of the present fiscal year. As was forecast by the British budget which provided for decreased taxation, this year's revenue is considerably less than the amount collected in the same months of 1922. A decrease of some 60,000,000 pounds in returns from income taxation, alone, was foreseen in the present fiscal year because of the reduced tax rates, but in the first eight months that decrease has been only 33,000,000 pounds.

British Treasury expenditures this year have amounted in eight months to 514,183,276 pounds, or about 25,000,000 pounds below the expenditures in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

The official figures as received by the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, from its English Information Service, give the comparisons as follows, figures in millions of pounds:

April 1 to December 1, 1923—Revenue, 485; expenditure, 514.

April 1 to December 2, 1922—Revenue, 534; expenditure, 539.

Revenue receipts in the present year have amounted to 59 per cent of the budget estimate and expenditures to 62 per cent of the estimated total expenditures. In eight months last year the percentages were 58 and 60 per cent, respectively.

WANTS FULL REPORT ON THE WHEAT POOL

Regina Leader Says Committee in Charge Has Failed to Present the Facts

The continued failure of the wheat pool committee in this province to take the farmers into its confidence and tell them exactly how the pool stands today is inexplicable. The committee started off three months ago with a great flourish of trumpets. At least half the acreage of the province was going to be signed up before September 12. When September 12 arrived, nothing like half the wheat acreage of Saskatchewan had been committed to the pool. The committee then started to send out waivers for those who had signed the pool contract to sign, with the object of securing consent to the deletion from the contract of the clause which required the pool to have at least half the acreage of the province signed up by September 12, in order to make the pool legally possible.

As long as the wheat pool committee persists in denying the farmers information, without which they cannot feel safe in turning over five years' wheat to the pool, slow progress will be registered. There is no reason why the committee should not give the farmers all the facts—unless there is something it wishes to hide. The apparent inability of the committee to see that its policy of secrecy in a matter of vital concern to every one of the thousands of farmers who have signed the pool contract, is the worst sort of thing for the pool, is nothing short of amazing.—Regina Leader.

BROKER FIRM HAMMERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The brokerage firm of Richard S. Hitchinson & Company, was suspended from membership in the New York curb market today. The action was taken, according to an official announcement, after the firm had stated it was unable to meet its obligations.

HOLIDAY IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Today is a holiday on all exchanges here.

STEAMER IN PERIL OFF GRAY'S HARBOR

Freighter Yogen Maru Goes Aground at Entrance to Gray's Harbor —Tugs to Assistance

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The Japanese freighter Yogen Maru is aground near the entrance to Gray's Harbor and last night was in serious danger, according to a message from the master to Seattle offices of Mitsui & Co., owners and operators of the vessel.

Tugs have been ordered from Aberdeen to the vessel's assistance.

The ship was leaving Aberdeen Monday night for Seattle when she went aground in the storm. She is of 5,199 gross tons.

GALE SINKS SHIP MOORED AT DOCK

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—The steamer Dawn was sunk at her dock in Lake Washington. Two other small vessels were grounded, but no lives were lost. Six ships went ashore on the mud at Hoquiam, but suffered no great damage.

NEW C.P.R. BOATS

Latest word received from Captain J. W. Troup, manager of the coastwise service, who is now in England arranging for construction of two new palatial liners for Coast service, is to the effect that all tenders are now in on the construction of the vessels, and it is believed the contracts will be let in the near future.

TO HOLD INQUIRY

Captain J. D. MacPherson, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, left last night for Vancouver where he will hold an inquiry into the collision between the Point Grey and the Navvy Jack which occurred on October 24. The two assessors acting with Captain MacPherson will be Captain H. Mowatt and Mr. J. T. Edmond, the well-known engineer.

Linnaeus, the noted botanist, in 1744 referred to the fig as the poor man's bread

FALLS INTO HOLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Falling into the hold of the steamship Belfast Maru at the Balfour-Guthrie dock on Christmas eve, Frank Hayden, carpenter, sustained severe injuries, and is now at St. Paul's Hospital.

The man was lining the hold of the vessel, when, by some means, he lost his footing and fell a distance of about thirty feet, injuring his back and receiving possible internal injuries.

The accident is the second during the past week on the vessel, an employee being fatally hurt a few days ago by a similar fall.

TWO SHIPS LOST ON ALASKAN REEF

Puget Sound Fishing Schooners Are Swept on Rocks in Big Storm—No Lives Lost in Accident

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Swept ashore in a heavy snowstorm, two Puget Sound fishing schooners, the San Marco, of Tacoma, and the Universal, of Port Orchard, were lost December 9 on Kanak Island near Katalla, Alaska, according to a radio message received from the steamship Northwestern, of the Alaska Steamship Company. The two vessels were swept ashore in heavy seas, and it will be impossible to salvage them. No lives were lost.

The steamship Northwestern, which arrived in Seattle yesterday afternoon from Southeastern and Southwestern Alaska, brought Capt. L. Chelsen and five men of the ill-fated San Marco, who were landed at Pier 2. Captain Chelsen said that both vessels would be a total loss.

The San Marco was a vessel of thirty gross tons register, and forty-nine feet long.

REPORTED SAFE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 26.—The schooner Osprey, two days overdue at Gold Beach, was late today reported safe in a cove near Port Orford during the storm. She put out from there today for Gold Beach. The coastguard had been searching for her.

TIJUANA RACING

TIJUANA, Mex., Dec. 26.—Results of today's racing are as follows:

First race, 5-8 mile—1, Seth's Alibi, 112 (Malben); 2, Fulianti, 109 (Claver); 3, Brandiea, 107 (Clark). Scratches: Marion North, Virginia B. and Bossman. Also ran Chestnut Girl, Lady Winifred, Charlotte B., A. Lester, Margaret Madison, Odeon, Insurance, Jean Melville and Zillah.

Second race, mile and one-sixteenth—1, Nebraska Lad, 110 (O'Donnell); 2, The Wit, 107 (Wood); 3, Mary Jane Baker, 107 (Watrous). Scratches: Missouri Boy, Flame, Hayseed, Totters and Col. Lit. Also ran: The Wag, Bacchus, Glad News, Vic, War Penny.

Third race, 3-4 mile—1, Faber, 105 (Fator); 2, Jack Ledl, 107 (Malben); 3, Runnyol, 112 (Cantrell). Scratches: Morro Castle, San Hedron, Hobey Baker, Dolly Allen and Norfield. Also ran: Fayelle, Chippendale, Al Wick, Cock O the Roost and Tom Craven.

Fourth race, 4½ furlongs—1, Blind Baggage, 120 (Cantrell); 2, Little B. Sheep, 105 (O'Donnell); 3, Lizette, 113 (Doyle). Scratches: Miss Fryer, Belle, Honest George and Sedge. Also ran: Caveat Emptor, Noon Glide, Picnic and Roscoe Goose.

Fifth race, ¾ mile—1, Ten Buttons, 104 (Cantrell); 2, Motor Cop, 108 (Clark); 3, Canyon, 111 (Carter). Scratches: Louis A. Also ran: The Almoner, Bullet Proof and Turbulent.

Sixth race, mile and 70 yards—1, Ginger, 107 (Sutton); 2, Peter Pierson, 102 (Wood); 3, Woodie Montgomery, 114 (Clark). Scratches: Locust Leaves. Also ran: Dalton, Roisterer and Sea Way.

Seventh race, 5-8 mile—1, Frank S., 106 (Lavins); 2, Hillsdale, 112 (Doyle); 3, Herder, 109 (Clark). Scratches: Lady Tiptoe, Sweet and Low, Nan McKinney, Mart Bunch and Pueblo. Also ran: Dr. Johnson, Hillsdale and Joe Tag.

Eighth race, mile and one-sixteenth—1, Spread Eagle, 110 (Walls); 2, The Falconer, 112 (O'Donnell); 3, Marcella Boy, 110 (Pool). Scratches: Cruzern, Great Luck, Jim Daley and Elias O. Also ran: Chiva, Zealot, L'Effare and Ruddy.

Overnight Entries

First race, 5-8 mile—Brown Shasta, 96; Scottish Lad, 96; May O.B., 99; May Breun, 101; Usher D., 101; Mary Doe, 105; Alice Russell, 109.

Second race, 5½ furlongs—Rose Wolf, 99; Vibrate, 99; Plantagenet, 99; Mint Julep, 101; Piutrel, 102; Lady Bourbon, 102; Big Indian, 99; Perch, 104; Ike Mills, 104; Choirmaster, 104; Dun Sandel, 104; L. Gentry, 107; Lady Tiptoe, 107; Bessie Young. Also eligible: Carrie Baker, 104; San Hedron, 107.

Third race, mile and one-sixteenth—May Prosper, 101; White Boots, 103; Flame, 104; Gadling, 104; Caunzel, 104; Fair Virginia, 104; Jay Mac, 106; Jean Corey, 106; Everbold, 106; Debonero, 108; Louis, 108; Bernice E., 110.

Fourth race, 5½ furlongs—1, Curry Desha, 107; Boomerang, 107; Mary Ellen, 107; Overshot, 107; Barn Dollar, 112; The Competitor, 112; Shadow Spark, 112; Cassius, 115.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—Blue Van, 99; Hobey Baker, 99; Lady Moore, 99; Van Loo, 101; Herder, 102; Lobelia, 104; Big Smoke, 104; Melody Man, 104; Harrigan's Heir, 104; Blanche Meyers, 104; Flea, 104; Careen, 107; C. A. Comisky, 107; Mr. Kruter, 104. Also eligible: Dancing Girl, 104; Rosa Atkin, 104.

Sixth race, ¾ mile—Wild Heather, 105; Quecreek, 105; Polly Wale, 105; My Reverie, 108; Mokihana, 111; Be Frank, 111; Mercutio, 111.

Seventh race, mile and sixteenth—The Wit, 100; The Lamb, 100; Hal Wright, 105; Poacher, 106; Ace, 106; By Right, 106; Theresa, 106; Dapper Dan, 106; Donatello, 106; Yermak, 111; Laura Cochrane, 111; Car, 111. Also eligible: Rustricator, 106; Madrona, 105; Helman, 111; Fireworth, 111.

Eighth race, ¾ mile—Miss Nantura, 95; Ida Francis, 100; Honest George, 106; Apricot, 106; Grayson, 106; Blue Belle, 106; Salton, 106; Yalta, 109; Pavlowa, 109; Trusty, 111; Billy Gibson, 111; Arctic King, 112; Lizette, 114; Fireplace, 114. Also eligible: Mabel Rule, 110; Bonneville, 106.

FINANCE - COMMERCE - MARKETS

SHARP RISE IN NEW YORK STOCKS

United States Steel Leads Upward Swing Which Establishes Several High Records

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Recessions ranging from large fractions to 1 3-4 were general in the French Government and municipal bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange in today's post-holiday trading.

Traders attributed the decline to selling due to the drop in French exchange. There was no evidence, it was stated, however, of any sizeable liquidation.

A rise in Mexican 5's of more than a point reflected optimism on the part of some traders in the ability of the Mexican Government to successfully cope with the military uprising in some of the Mexican states. Trading was relatively quiet in both the railroad and industrial groups.

Sentiment was somewhat mixed in the Liberty group. Selling predominated in the tax exemption 3 1-2's, which fell off 6-32 of a point, and in the treasury 4 1-4's, which declined 3 2-3 of a point.

Argentine Loan

It was reported that the forthcoming Argentine loan may take the form of $60,000,000 33-year six per cent bonds, to be sold at about 95 1-2.

Favorable trade news, including an increase of 25c a barrel in Pennsylvania crude, and reports of a broader demand for steel, provided the impetus for a sharp rise in prices in today's active stock market. Old favorites among the standard industrials were again brought to the fore, United States Steel common leading the advance in that group with a net gain of 2 3-4. New high records were established during the session by nearly a score of stocks.

Raising of the call money rate to 5 1-2 per cent, and acute weakness of French francs, which fell below five cents to a new low record for all time, induced some profit taking, but it failed to arrest the upward trend. A brisk demand for the steel shares set in during the afternoon.

Copper Stocks Lag

Copper stocks again lagged behind the rest of the list, and were reported to have been freely sold by speculators who had become discouraged by their failure to participate in the recent upswing. Losses in the active issues, however, were limited to fractions.

While the average prices of twenty leading railroad stocks showed a slight gain on the day, heaviness was apparent in a number of leading issues.

Weakness of French francs was the feature of the foreign exchange market. Observance of a holiday in London resulted in comparatively little business in sterling, which held fairly steady around $4.34. Greek drachmas rallied nine points in reflection of the report that former Premier Venizelos would return to Athens to assist in the political rehabilitation of that country.

	High	Low	Close
Ajax Rubber	5-6	5-4	9-4
Allis Chalmers	46-1	45-2	46
Allied Chem	70-2	68-3	68-3
Am. Beet Sugar	42-1	41-4	41-4
Am. Bosch Mag.	36-6	34-6	66-6
Am. Can	105-4	104-1	105
Am. Car & Fdy.	192-1	162	162
Am. Intl. Corp.	22-5		22-5
Am. Linseed	18-3	17-7	17-7
Am. Locomotive	74-4	73	74-4
Am. Radiator	33-3	36-3	33-2
Am. Ship & Comm.	11	11	11
Am. Smelters	58	57-3	57-6
Am. Steel Fdy.	37-6	37-4	37-4
Am. Sugar	59-3	55	53
Am. Sum. Tob.	19	19	19
Am. Tel. & Tel.	125	125	123
Am. Woolens	74-3	76-4	74
Anaconda	36-3	36-1	36-2
Atlantic Gulf	18-5	17-4	17-4
Atchison	96-1	95-7	96-1
Baldwin Loco	126-1	124-6	122-7
Baltimore & Ohio	56	59	56-4
Bethlehem Steel	33-4	91-6	52-4
California Packing	80-4	80-4	90-4
California Pete	26-7	26-3	26-6
Canadian Pacific	148	145-5	149-3
Cast Iron Pipe	68-7	66	66-2
Cerro de Pasco	46-6	45-3	46-6
Central Leather	16-4	13-1	16-3
Chandler	66-6	67-7	67-7
Chesapeake & Ohio	71	70-5	76-9
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	14-1	16-4	16-1
Chic., Mil. & St. P. pfd.	23-2	27-4	23
Chic. & Northwest	49-6	48	49-2
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	21-4	21-2	21-2
Chile Copper	27-2	26-3	26-6
Chino Copper	17-4	17-1	17-4
Coca Cola	76	73	73
Columbia Gas	39-4	34-3	35-2
Cons. Gas	61-6	60-2	61-4
Cont. Can	97-3	56	57-2
Corn Products	160-3	163	160-3
Cosden Oil	36-4	36	36-3
Cuba C. Sugar	16-4	16-4	16-4
Cuba C. Sugar pfd.	65-3	64-7	69
Crucible Steel	68	64-9	68
Davison Chem.	76	76-1	75-1
Del. Lack. & West.	114	114	114
Dupont Powder	130-7	129	130-4
Endicott Johnson	65-4	64-5	64-6
Erie	22-1	21-3	21-7
Erie 1st pfd.	30-3	96-6	30-2
Famous Players	73	71	71-9
Fisk Tire	7-4	7-3	7-4
General Asphalt	43-3	42	42
General Electric	196-2	193-4	196-2
General Motors	11-7	14-2	14-6
Goodrich Rubber	22-4	22-1	22-4
Granby	15-2	14-7	14-7
Great Northern Ore	29-3	28-3	29-2
Great Northern pfd.	56	55-2	55-5
Gulf States Steel	81	81-6	84
Houston Oil	72-5	70-6	79
Illinois Central	100-4	160-4	100-4
Inspiration	21-3	24-1	24-9
Intl. Harv.	77	76-4	77
Intl. Mer. Marine	6-4	6-2	6-4
Intl. Mer. Mar. pfd.	29-4	28-7	26-2
Intl. Nickel	14	16-6	13-7
Intl. Paper	99-3	36-6	38-6
Invincible Oil	16-6	16-2	16-6
Julius Kayser	36	36	36
Kan. City Southern	16-1	18	18
Kennecott Copper	33-3	33	33-3
Kelly Springfield	92-6	32-3	92-6
Kresge	260	260	260
Lehigh Valley	99-7	36-7	99-7
Louis. & Nash	88-4	69-4	88-4
Mack Truck	91	96-6	96-6
Marland Oil	20-4	28-3	29-3
Maxwell "A"	46-2	48	46-2
Maxwell "B"	16-9	13-9	16-4
Mex. Seaboard	16-3	19-3	16-3
Miami	21-4	21-4	21-4
Middlestates Oil	6	4-7	5-1
Miss. Pacific	9-7	9-4	9-5
Miss. Pac. pfd.	30	28-6	26
Montgomery Ward	24-3	21-4	21-3
Moon Motor	26-4	26-2	66-2
National Enamel	41-3	40-5	41-3
National Lead	146	144	146-3
Nevada Cons.	11-7	11-6	11-6
Norfolk & West	162-6	101-7	109-2
North American	22-3	22-3	22-2
Northern Pacific	32-2	31-4	31-6
N.Y. Central	194-3	169-6	102-7
N.Y., N.H. & Hart	13-2	12-9	12-6
Packard Motor	12-4	12-4	12-4
Pacific Oil	51-4	49-7	51-4
Pan. American	64	63-2	66-5
Pan American "B"	62	61	61-5
Pennsylvania R.R.	41-5	41-3	41-3
People's Gas	96-6	96-6	96-6
Pere Marquette	41-3	41-1	41-3
Phillips Pete	34-3	33-3	34
Pierce Arrow	9	9	9
Prod. & Ref.	34-3	33-7	34-3
Pullman Co.	126	121-3	122
Punta Allegre	59-5	58	66
Pure Oil	24-6	21-7	24-6
Rail Steel Spring	106	106	106
Ray Cons.	11-4	11-3	11-3
Reading	78-1	76-6	78-1
Replogle Steel	11-6	11-6	11-6
Rep. Iron & Steel	51	49	50-5
Royal Dutch	49-2	46-1	46-3
Shell Union	17-4	17-3	17-3
Sinclair Cons	27	26-3	26-7
Skelly Oil	28-4	27-4	27-4
Sloss Sheffield	60	58-4	60
Southern Pac.	87-2	85-4	87
Southern Railway	37-3	67	37-2
Standard Oil, Cal	64	63-2	66-2
Standard Oil, N.J.	38-3	37-3	37-7
Standard Oil, Ind.	68-7	65-7	66-6
Stewart Warner	80-6	80	80
Stromburg Carb.	80	79-3	80
Studebaker	106	106-5	107-7
Texas Co.	42-4	49	42-2
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61	61	61
Texas Pacific R.R.	19-4	19-4	19-4
Tex. Pac. C. & O.	11-6	11-3	11-4

NEW YORK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Foreign exchange easy.
Great Britain—Demand, 434⅛; cables, 434⅜; 60-day bills on banks, 430⅛.
France—Demand, 5.00½; cables, 5.01.
Italy—Demand, 4.32½; cables, 4.33.
Belgium—Demand, 4.48½; cables, 4.46.
Germany — Demand, .000000000029; cables, .000000000029.
Holland—Demand, 37.86; cables, 37.96.
Norway—Demand, 14.63.
Sweden—Demand, 26.34.
Denmark—Demand, 17.72.
Switzerland—Demand, 17.49.
Spain—Demand, 12.96.
Greece—Demand, 2.19.
Poland—Demand, .000019.
Czecho-Slovakia—Demand, 2.92¼.
Jugo-Slavia—Demand, 1.13½.
Austria—Demand, .0014.
Roumania—Demand, .63¼.
Argentina—Demand, 32.10.
Brazil—Demand, 9.99.
Montreal, 97½.

Timken Roller	39	39	39
Tobacco Prod.	71-1	76-3	76-4
Tob. Prod. "A"	90-9	90-3	90-9
Trans. Oil	9-7	3-6	3-7
Union Pacific	167-3	126-6	127
United Fruit	176-4	176	170
U.S. Ind. Alco.	68-6	65-7	66-6
U.S. Rubber	36	67	67-7
U.S. Steel	99	95-3	97-6
U.S. Smelting	19	10	10
Utah Copper	63-3	62-3	63-3
Vanadium	31-3	30-6	31-1
Virginia Chem	10-3	10-3	10-4
Wabash	34-7	30-5	34-6
Western Union	107	107	107
Westing. Elec.	61-3	60-4	61-3
White Motor	36-4	53-4	96-4
Willys-Overland	10-6	10-3	10-4
Willys-Overland pfd.	91-3	90-3	61-1
Woolworth	293	296	269

NEW YORK CURB

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)
2 O'CLOCK LIST

Industrials	Bid.	Asked.
Acme Coal	1	1⅛
Centrifugal	31½	33⅝
Checker Cab	40	40¼
Durant Del.	30	30¼
Mesabi	7⅛	7⅝
Stutz	6⅛	6⅞
Radio	4	4⅛
Reo	17⅛	17⅛
Tob. Prod. Ex.	6⅛	4
Un. Profit Shar.	7⅝	7½
Un. Retail Candy	5	5⅛
Cities Svc., com.	141	141½
Cities Svc., pfd.	67⅞	68
Cities Svc., Bkrs.	14⅝	15
Oils		
Carib.	6⅝	6
Federal	97	62
Glenrock	33	44
Int. Pete.	22	22¼
Keystone Ranger	6	2
Marl Mexico	4⅝	4⅞
Mexico Oil	30	35
Mutual Oil	12⅝	12½
Noble Oil	10	12
Pennock	12¼	13¼
Ryan Cons.	2⅝	3
Sapulpa	96	99
Salt Cr. Prod.	21	21½
Salt Cr. Cons.	9	10
Seaboard Oil	72	30
Wilcox	6⅝	6⅝
Mines		
Ariz. Globe	13	14
Butte & West	20	40
Cal. Jerome	8	10
Candelaria	3	3
Cons. Copper	1 3-16	1⅝
Cresson	3⅛	3⅝
Delores	63	70
Eureka	10	13
Hecla	8⅝	9
Hollinger	10⅝	11⅛
Howe Sound	2⅝	3
Ind. Lead	14	16
J. C. Dev.	1⅛	2
Kerr Lake	2	2½
Mason Valley	1⅛	1⅝
Ny. Porcupine	30	50
Nipissing	6¼	6⅝
Ohio Cop.	80	92
Ray Herc.	20	25
Simons Lead	1	2
Success	48	56
Teck Hughes	1⅝	1 3-16
Tuolumne	3	4
Un. Eastern	91	94
Un. Verde	27	27½
Wayne Coal	50	56

VICTORIA EXCHANGE

Mining	Bid	Asked
Boundary Red Mountain	.16	.24
Howana Copper	..	.30
Coalmont Collieries	..	30.66
Cons. M. & S.	27.00	29.00
Cork Province	.06½	.09½
Douglas Channel	.01	.01¾
Dunwell Mines	..	1.72
Granby	14.00	..
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	..	.01
Howe Sound	2.79	2.60
Indian Mines	.60	.07
International Coal	.11	.15
Liberator Mining Co.	..	.05
McGillivray Coal	.62	.73
Premier Mines	2.60	..
Rambler-Cariboo	..	.06
Sheep Creek Cons.	.00¾	.60½
Silver Crest Mines	..	.02
Silversmith	..	.28
Snug Cove Copper	..	.09
Standard Silver Lead	..	.21
Sunloch Mines	..	.30
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.97
Oils		
Athabasca Oil	..	.08
Boundary Bay Oil	.00 1-16	.00¼
Empire Oil	..	.00½
Pitt Meadows	..	.66
Spartan Oil	.60¼	.69¾
Sweetgrass	.00⅛	.06¾
Trojan Oil	.04¾	..
Utility Oil	..	.03¼
British Pats	1.00	..
Miscellaneous		
Allan Theatre pfd.	24.00	..
B.C. Permanent Loan	94.20	106.00
C. P. R.	146.00	190.00
Gregory Tire & Rubber	..	9.60

METAL MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Copper quiet. Electrolytic, spot and nearby 13c to 13¼c; futures 13⅛c to 13¼c.
Tin firmer, spot and nearby $47.50; futures $47.12.
Iron steady, unchanged.
Lead steady, spot $7.40 to $7.30.
Zinc quiet, East St. Louis, spot and nearby delivery $6.67 to $6.80.
Antimony, spot $9.67.
Holiday at London.

U. S. LIBERTY BONDS

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	Close.
Liberty 3½'s	98.08 @ 99.10
Liberty 1st 4's	*98.06 @ 98.20
Liberty 2nd 4's	98.04 @ 98.06
Liberty 1st 4¼'s	98.08 @ 98.10
Liberty 2nd 4¼'s	98.07 @ 98.09
Liberty 3rd 4¼'s	99.09 @ 98.16
Liberty 4th 4¼'s	99.09 @ 99.10

NEW YORK COTTON

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	34.65	35.75	34.65	35.75
Mar.	35.29	36.16	35.22	36.11
May	36.49	36.36	35.49	36.35
July	34.60	35.40	34.60	35.45
Oct.	33.35	33.36	28.93	29.30
Spot	..	..	..	37.25

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Egg and butter prices steady; cheese firm.
Butter and eggs prices not quoted.
Cheese—Finest Westerns, 13c to 13¼c; finest Easterns, 17½c to 17¾c.
Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.10 to $1.15.

RAW SUGAR

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	3.41	3.37	3.41
Mar.	4.73	4.70	4.71
May	4.79	4.74	4.73

MONEY MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Call money firmer; high 3½; low 4¾; ruling rate 4¾; closing bid 3½, offered at 3¾; last loan 5½; call loans against acceptances 4¼.
Time loans steady; mixed collateral, 60-90 days, 5; 4-6 months, 3 to 9¼.
Prime commercial paper 4¾ to 3 per cent.

SILVER MARKETS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Bar silver 64⅛. Mexican dollars 49¼.

NEW YORK SUGAR

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Raw sugar, centrifugal, 7.41; refined granulated, 9.96 to 3.96.

TORONTO MINES

	Bid.	Asked.
Lake Shore	..	332
Teck Hughes	317	..
Beaver Consol	16⅝	21
McIntyre Port	18.10	16.42
Hollinger Con.	11.49	11.59
Newray Mines	46⅛	43
Temiskaming		33
Wasapika Cop.	2⅝	..
Dome Mines	19.70	20.60
Thompson Kriet	4	..
Atlas	3	..
West Dome Lake	26⅛	27
Mining Corp. Can.	260	200
Moneta	..	..
Indian	21⅛	26
Clifton	4⅛	..
Coniagas	260	..
Goldale	46⅛	49⅛
Castle	49	50

HOLIDAYS REFLECTED ON WINNIPEG MARKET

Trade Volume Small and Follows Chicago Lead With Fractional Changes

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—The holiday spirit prevailed on the local wheat market again today and trade volume was small. Traders here followed Chicago. The market opened unchanged, declined about half a cent and then advanced, closing ⅛ cent to ⅝ cent higher.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	91⅛	91⅝	90⅝a	91⅞b
May	97⅛	97⅞	96⅝	97⅝
July	99	98⅝	98½	99⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	39⅞	36¼	62⅝	36⅛b
May	40⅛	40⅝	40⅝	40⅝b
July	41½	41⅝	41⅝	41⅝b
Barley—				
Dec.	32⅝	96⅛b	62⅝	99⅛b
May	35⅛	39⅝	32⅝	66⅝
Flax—				
Dec.	197⅝	169	167⅝	166b
May	609	209⅛	604½	605
July	202½	205½	202	202¼
Rye—				
Dec.	..	..	..	64⅝b
May	69⅞	76¼b	66½a	76⅛

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 nor., 91⅝; 2 nor., 99⅞; 3 nor., 83⅞; No. 4, 76⅝; No. 5, 98⅝; No. 6, 66⅝; feed, 64⅝; track, 91⅝; No. 4 rusted, 76⅝; No. 5 rusted, 66⅝; No. 6 rusted, 66⅝.

Oats—4 cw., 66⅛; 3 cw., 33⅛; extra 1 feed, 33⅝; 1 feed, 31¼; 2 feed, 39⅝; rejected, 26⅛; track, 36⅛.

Barley—3 cw., 39⅛; 4 cw., 94⅛; rejected, 46⅝; feed, 47½; track, 93⅝.

Flax—1 nwc., 163; 2 cw., 194; 3 cw. and rejected, 166; track, 199.

Rye—2 cw., 64⅝.

STERLING EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Sterling exchange easy at $4.30⅝ for 60-day bills and $4.34⅛ for demand.
Bar silver, foreign, 64⅛.
Canadian dollars 97½.

FRANC IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The French franc continued to decline in today's foreign exchange market, falling to 4.96½ cents, the first time in history it has receded below 5 cents.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

Authorized capital of $17,349,060 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to The Monetary Times during the week ended December 19, compared with $11,471,090 for the previous week, and with $12,993,906 for the same week last year. A comparative summary by provinces is as follows:

	Week ended Dec. 13, '23	Week ended Dec. 6, '22	Week ended Dec. 14, '62
Dominion	$3,675,000	$2,926,000	$5,969,000
Alberta	...	1,743,000	...
B. C.	376,000	199,000	2,106,000
Manitoba	142,000	...	1,160,000
N. B.	24,600	9,600	...
Ontario	12,470,000	1,667,900	2,370,000
Quebec	693,460	1,926,200	329,900
Totals	$17,349,060	$11,471,090	$12,993,906

WEEKLY FIRE LOSSES

Fire losses in Canada during the week ended December 19 are estimated by The Monetary Times at $267,300, compared with $828,069 for the same week last year.

BETTER TONE SHOWS IN CHICAGO GRAINS

Market Opens With Sagging Prices, But Brisk Buying Causes Them to Advance

(By British-American Bond Corpn., Ltd.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Further liquidation was seen in the near deliveries in both wheat and corn in today's early trading. There was some good selling reported on the decline and prices sagged quite easily. After midsession, however, a better tone developed and prominent commission houses who had sold early were reported as being the best buyers of wheat. The advance during the latter part of the session was rather impressive and gave the appearance of a turn for the better during the next few days. December liquidation has been extensive and the technical position of the market no doubt has been improved by the shakeout. Last prices were at the day's highs.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	100⅝	102	100⅝	101⅞
May	106⅛	107⅛	105⅝	107⅛
July	104⅝	109⅝	104⅜	105⅝
Corn—				
Dec.	68⅝	69⅛	69	68
May	72⅛	73⅝	72⅛	73½
July	73½	74⅝	73⅝	74⅝
Oats—				
Dec.	41	41⅛	40⅞	41⅛
May	44⅛	44⅛	44⅛	44⅝
July	42⅛	42⅝	41⅞	42⅝
Rye—				
Dec.	67⅛	68⅛	67	69⅛
May	73	74	73⅝	73⅝

Market Opinions

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—We look for higher prices in the sugars and the Pan American issues. In fact, we believe there will be a broadening of activities on the upside of prices in the general list.—L. and B.

Canadian visible wheat figures are not very encouraging to holders, showing an increase of 10,815,000, while there is no material let-up in the Canadian movements. Foreign markets will continue their holiday until tomorrow. Apparently there is little incentive at the moment for buying wheat.

Corn: Deliveries, 243,000 corn, and 21,000 oats. Weather conditions continue mild, and Eastern demand slow on this account. Buying demand has slowed up a little, but decline in corn from here we think will be temporary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—We think bullish factors in cotton situation will have effect of promoting higher prices in this commodity.—L. and B.

Dow Jones' Summary

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Mexico City advices say new oil field is located at Alamas in State of Nuvoleon.

Pennsylvania places order for 5,000 tons of steel for bridge with Bethlehem Steel Company.

Building trades agree on increase in basic wage of fifty cents to $1.50 a day. To sign two agreements.

Perre Marquette November net operating income $777,825, against $419,742 in November, 1922.

Administrations Senate poll shows insufficient bonus strength to override veto. Senator Copeland favors tax cuts and believes Mellon plan to be enacted together with reasonable bonus.

Dow Jones Averages

20 Industrials .... 94.42, up .79.
20 Rails .... 79.84, up .17.

Grain Opinions

Harris Winthrop—We find little encouragement for a bullish attitude.

Stein Alstrin—At the moment continued heaviness is expected.

Bartlett Frazier—We look for continued easiness during the balance of the week.

FINANCE FLASHES

U.S. BUSINESS OUTLOOK IS MOST ENCOURAGING

Oil Production in Southern California Is Declining Rapidly, Says Report

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Ltd.)

Secretary Mellon, in his Christmas message said, in part: "The business outlook for the New Year seems most encouraging."

As the year draws to a close business leaders are expressing the greatest confidence in the immediate future.

B. C. Forbes, in The New York American, quoting Kenneth Kingsbury, of Standard of California, says oil demoralization is near an end. The three large flush fields in Southern California are declining very rapidly and it now looks as if the shut in production in California would have to be opened up again as soon as the Spring demand for oil develops. I look for improved conditions in the oil industry for 1924.

The best estimates available now indicate that net aggregate income of Class 1 carriers for 1923 will be about $875,000,000, or at a rate of 4.80 per cent. The guess at start of year was that the net would reach $1,000,000,000.

November net for the rails is estimated between 75 and 80 million dollars.

In nine months the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company has earned approximately $12,000,000 after taxes and charges, according to estimates.

Bankers say that there is a substantial amount of railroad financing to be done in the New Year, but it is not urgent.

It is believed in railroad circles that purchases of equipment buying 1924 will include relatively larger number of locomotives than freight cars.

Burlington is one of the first roads to make known its requirements for next year. The prospective sale of $20,000,000 bonds is expected to provide for funds in addition and improvement which should be planned by the management.

CONDEMNS ACTION TO RAISE HARBOR RATES

Vancouver Sun Issues Warning That Greed Threatens to Offset Freight Rate Cut

Unless the Vancouver Harbor Commissioners reconsider their new tax of ten cents a ton on the shipment of grain through this port, the whole structure of the Western route, built up laboriously on sound economic laws, is apt to collapse through their very greed, says The Vancouver Sun. This port cannot hope to pay its way as it goes along. It must be fortified with investments payable out of future profits just in the same way as any other new business project is worked up.

If antagonism to this route is engendered in the Prairies, future profits will be non-existent, and Vancouver will be back in the position of five years ago.

Aesop tells of the greedy ape that reached into the pitcher of grapes and filled his hand so full he could not pull it out. In his efforts to get all the grapes at once, he not only failed to get any, but squashed them into a pulp.

If the Harbor Board persists in its present course, the Western route grapes will be squashed beyond hope of repair.

A MARKET FOR LOCUSTS

Locusts hitherto have been regarded as a plague which must be stamped out, but if the plans of a South African genius succeed they become a blessing in a world which is frequently short of food. Owing to climatic conditions this year in the Transvaal there is little grass, dams and wells are failing, and cattle and sheep are dying, but the locusts are increasing so enormously that the usual means of coping with them are inadequate.

But the Johannesburg correspondent of The London Times writes that the South African Locust Products Company has been formed, and a factory has been erected in Johannesburg for the purpose of manufacturing stock and poultry food and fertilizer from locusts. A locust meal biscuit, resembling a ginger-nut in color, shape and size, which can be eaten by human beings, has been manufactured. The demand from overseas for fertilizer is already far in excess of what the company's experimental machinery is capable of supplying. Recently an order for 100 tons was received from Holland. The interest of the Government has been secured, and a reward of two shillings per bag of 50 pounds of insects collected will be paid by the company on delivery at the collector's nearest railway station.

As to what will happen when supplies of the raw material are exhausted, a director of the company said: "We will move our factory to the regular hatching grounds in the Kalahari Desert, in the Southwest Protectorate, or wherever the locusts may be found." Thus one of the greatest pests in South Africa may be turned into commodities which will be highly valuable to the farmer.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

CANADIAN CAR & FOUNDRY SHOWS PROFIT

Mineral Production of British Columbia Expected to Break Records for Quantity

The fourteenth annual report of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, Limited, and its subsidiaries, covering the combined operations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1923, has gone forward to shareholders. It shows profits for the year at $1,427,573, as compared with a deficit of $892,396 in the fiscal year ending September 30, 1921. This profit was arrived at after charging against operations the cost of plant maintenance and depreciation, interest on outstanding bonds and scrip, and after providing for all contingencies, including Government income tax.

Resources of Canada

"Canada—Natural Resources and Commerce" is the title of a 220-page volume just issued by the Natural Resources Intelligence Service Department of the Interior, Ottawa. It contains a concise review of the nature, extent and development of the Dominion's resources and trade, and includes several illustrations and statistical tables.

Sea Fish Catch

The total catch of sea fish during the month of October was 551,572 cwt., valued at $1,614,332, as compared with 679,320 cwt., valued at $1,493,210 in October, 1922.

Argentina Wheat

BUENOS AIRES, Dec.—The first lot of wheat from Argentina's new crop was sold on the grain exchange yesterday at 13 1-5 pesos per hundred kilograms, which is equivalent at the current exchange to $1.15 per bushel.

B. C. Minerals

British Columbia's mineral production in 1923 will exceed the previous high record set in 1916, say Coast mining authorities. Lead with its high price will lead in the increase column. Lode gold, silver, zinc and coal show an increase. Increase in gold is due to the greater production of copper, of which it is an important by-product. Silver may show a falling off. The price averaged about 2c. per oz. less than last year. Lead shows an increase in both quantity and price. Copper production has about doubled owing to the Britannia Mine reopening. The price has averaged about a cent and a half over last year. Zinc is higher and price better. Coal shows an increase, the Crow's Nest Pass escaping labor troubles. Dividends will likely be lower.

BIG CONTRACTS MADE FOR CANADIAN WOOD

While Ottawa Dallies, Americans Are Signing Up for Huge Supplies

(Financial Post)

MONTREAL—The deadly effect of the Government's dilly-dallying with the pulpwood question is getting graphic demonstration in the new contracts that are being arranged almost daily for the exportation of Canadian pulpwood to the United States. Such a contract was reported by The Campbellton Graphic the other day in the following news item:

"An announcement of considerable interest came from the local office of the O. J. Klein Transportation Co. this morning. During an extended trip to New York and through Eastern States, Mr. Klein signed huge contracts with American mills in the vicinity of Watertown and Carthage for their supply of wood. These handsome contracts stretch over a period of ten years, and call for the shipment of 36,000 cords per annum.

"It is understood that this wood will be cut on lands acquired by Mr. Klein on the Matane Coast, and also by purchase from settlers in that territory and along the Gaspe and Northern New Brunswick coasts.

In the case of this contract, provision is made for the export to the United States of 360,000 cords of Canadian pulpwood which will bring the country around $3,000,000. Made up into paper, the revenue to Canada would be closer to $18,000,000. Canada loses the difference by permitting the export of the pulpwood in its raw state.

True it is, an embargo may be put into effect if the Pulpwood Commission ever finishes its meetings, but all practical effects of the embargo have been removed by the Order-in-Council of last August that permitted the export for a period of ten years of pulpwood under contracts dated before June, 1923. American firms now arranging contracts for supplies of pulpwood are seeing that the contracts are dated before June, 1923, and it is anticipated that a large supply of the pulpwood available for export will be contracted for very shortly. The only remedy for the denuding of the freehold forests under these contracts will be the rescinding of the Order-in-Council, the origin of which has never yet been explained by Premier King.

COAST HARDWARE TO ARRIVE VIA PANAMA

Hardware and Metal Says Shipments to Vancouver Will Value Over One Million

Upwards of forty hardware stores in Vancouver, with a potential purchasing power from Eastern manufacturers of $1,000,000, or more, will bring a large portion of this hardware via the Panama Canal during the next year, according to the Vancouver correspondent of Hardware and Metal. One hardwareman interviewed figured that by Spring he will be able to ship all his goods, bought in the East, by way of the Canal. It is planned to place orders so that allowance can be made for an interval of six to seven weeks between order and delivery.

An Eastern manufacturer states that competition of United States manufacturers, who have comparatively cheap inland rates to New York and thence to British Columbia ports, has made competition so strenuous that it is necessary for him to make shipments via Montreal and St. John at a saving of about one dollar per hundred pounds. To offset this saving there is an extra cost for packing and some loss in breakage, but in heavy goods the advantage is considerable.

The appointment of a Canadian customs officer at New York is announced, and should further facilitate the movement of merchandise via the Panama Canal to Vancouver.

Sinclair Group to Exploit Persian Oil

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The prolonged negotiations of the Sinclair group for Persian oil has resulted in the group obtaining a 50-year concession to exploit the oilfields in four of the five northern Persian provinces, says The Daily Mail's Teheran correspondent. The concession to exploit the fifth province is reserved for the Anglo-Persian company.

STEEL CORPORATION HAS BIG EARNINGS

United States Concern Is Ending Satisfactory Year—Pacific Oil Is in Active Demand

(New York Evening Post Service)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Steel Corporation has made large earnings in a year of uncertain prices and steadily falling orders, and there are not wanting in the financial district those who believe that a turn in the tide will quickly bring steel's net earnings to phenomenal figures. The independent companies are a long way behind the corporation, of course, but they are completing a year which is entirely satisfactory, all things considered, and in the past they have proven even larger earners than Judge Gary's company in boom seasons. Whether this will be true in the future remains to be seen.

Despite the break in Middle States and the collapse of the market in some of its allied concerns on the curb, oil stocks in general were firm, and some of the independent groups made new high records during this morning's trading. Pacific Oil continued in active demand, and added more than a point to its steady climb in recent weeks. Pacific's advance is an out-and-out mystery, even to those who are usually able to furnish some kind of an explanation for every stock market movement. Nothing better than vague statements to the effect that interests close to the management are optimistic on Pacific, and have been accumulating the stock steadily, was obtainable this morning in answer to general queries as to what was behind the advance. There are those in the financial district who point out that the market position of Pacific is different from that of other independent oils, due to the wider distribution of its stock.

Honduras Compounds For Old British Loan

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 26.—The Honduran Government has signed an agreement for the payment of the Honduran debt. The agreement provides that for each bond of £100,000 face value, it shall pay only £20,000 to holders of bonds issued in 1868 and 1870.

In 1867, 1869 and 1870 Honduras borrowed £5,398,570 in Great Britain to build a transoceanic railway. The scheme ended in complete failure. No interest has been paid on the debt since 1872. The arrears of interest to January 1, 1921, amounted to £22,326,112.

PROHIBIT TRADING

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Board of Governors of the New York curb market today ordered a suspension in trading in the stock of Southern States Oil Corporation, pending an investigation of the recent relatively violent fluctuations of the stock.

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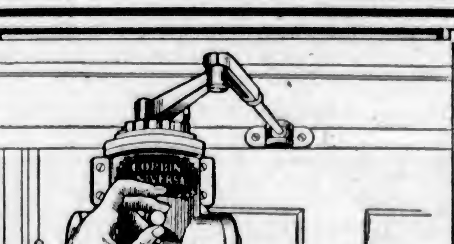

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Marine and Transportation

CRIPPLED CRAFT DUE HERE TODAY

THE Harrison-Direct Line steamship Author, which sent out SOS signals when helpless in the grip of Christmas Eve's wild gale off Gray's Harbor, is now in tow of the powerful tugboat Sea Monarch and is expected to reach Race Rocks about 8 or 9 o'clock this morning.

She will probably tie up at the Rithet's Consolidated docks between 9 and 10 o'clock.

The Author reported by wireless at 11:30 a.m. yesterday that the break in her machinery had been repaired sufficiently to permit her to steam some two knots an hour northwards to meet the tug Sea Monarch, which was commissioned on Tuesday to go to her assistance.

At that time she stated that she was about 84 miles off Cape Flattery. She was in communication with the tug, she said, and expected to meet her at any moment.

It is expected that the Sea Monarch will bring her into the Rithet piers some time this afternoon.

Pump Breaks

The cause of her disablement in Monday night's gale was the breaking of an air pump which dislocated the main steam feed pipe. Working feverishly at their task, while the ship was slowly but surely being swept by the furious wind and mountainous seas on to the inhospitable rocks of the Washington coast, her engineers were able to make such repairs as enabled them, just in the nick of time, to get steerage way on the ship.

She then headed south for a time to take the seas most advantageously. When the gale abated somewhat she put about and headed north on again, limping along at the 2-knot-an-hour gait which brought her 84 miles off Flattery yesterday morning.

If the Sea Monarch is able to achieve 5 knots an hour with the 8,000-ton vessel in tow, there is little doubt that she will put in a belated appearance this afternoon.

SEATTLE GREETS RESCUE SCHOONER

FAMOUS VESSEL THAT RESCUED ADA BLACKJACK COMES SOUTH

Donaldson Weathers Same Storm That Swept Shinkoku Maru to Doom Off Alaska

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—After weathering the greatest gale her hardy crew of Arctic navigators ever had experienced, the power schooner Donaldson, famous as the vessel which rescued Mrs. Ada Blackjack from the perils of remote Wrangel Island, off the Northern coast of Siberia, has arrived in Seattle.

Aboard the Donaldson were Capt. Alexander Allan, veteran Arctic trader, and master and owner of the vessel; Capt. Joe Bernard, noted Arctic navigator, and master and owner of the Arctic trader Teddy Bear, and Jim Bain, who was Captain Bernard's engineer on the Teddy Bear during last Summer, and who is now engineer of the rescue ship Donaldson. The three men are old-time Arctic navigators and traders who are known far and wide for their daring feats in the ice-choked seas.

Battles Terrific Storm

The Donaldson, bound for Seattle, was making good headway about sixty miles off Kayak Island, Southwestern Alaska, when she encountered the same gale which sent the big freighter Shinkoko Maru to her doom on Montague Island, Southwestern Alaska. Giant combers swept completely over the little ship. So terrific was the fury of the gale that the glass was blown out of the sidelights, fire buckets were lifted from the holes in which they were fastened and hurled overboard, and the decks of the vessel were swept by wind and sea until everything loose was washed into the ocean.

The Donaldson for a time acted the role of a submarine in the storm. She would be completely under water for a minute, then come to the surface, shake the water from her decks and resume her battle with the storm. The gale was too much even for the Arctic navigators aboard the Donaldson, and they were compelled to run for shelter to Kayak Island.

Damaged by Ice Floes

The Donaldson is a former army fort tender and was stationed at Fort Liscum, Valdez, Alaska. Captain Allan bought her last February. He took out the vessel's steam engines and equipped her with a 65-horsepower gasoline engine. The schooner came south to make repairs to damages sustained during the Wrangel Island relief expedition. So trying was the voyage to the Siberian Arctic that the stem of the vessel was worn away by constantly bucking the ice floes.

Steffansson's Ship

During her rescue voyage to Wrangel Island, the Donaldson was under charter to Vilhjalmur Steffansson. Consisting of four white men and Mrs. Blackjack, an Eskimo seamstress, the advance guard of the Steffansson commercial expedition landed on Wrangel Island in 1921, provisioned for one year. A relief ship was unable to make the island in the Summer of 1922 owing to ice conditions. Steffansson then sent the Donaldson, commanded by Capt. Harold Noice, a Seattle high school gradute, to the island last Summer. The relief expedition found that three of the men had been lost in the ice pack. The fourth man had died on the island and Mrs. Blackjack was left to make a single-handed fight for existence.

Captain Bernard hauled his vessel, the Teddy Bear, out at Nome. He is on his way East, but will return to Seattle in a few weeks.

PROPELLOR CHANGED BY CREW OF VESSEL

Shaft Snaps When Spanish Steamer Off Mexican Coast — Sailors Tackle Dockyard Job at Sea

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—Bound from Europe for Vancouver to load grain the Spanish steamer Ariago Mendi, in ballast, had a big problem to tackle when her propeller shaft and the propeller dropped off while the vessel was off the Mexican coast on this side of the canal.

The shaft snapped and there was a terrific rumble and jar as the eight-ton propeller sank into the blue Pacific. Steam was shut off and Captain Benito Lassaraga and his engineers took stock of the situation. Fortunately the ship carried a spare shaft and propeller and managed to get a tow into Acapulco.

There were no proper facilities at the port for shipping the new wheel, so the Spaniards decided to tackle the job themselves. The forehold was flooded and as the water rushed in forward the stern was slowly lifted out of the water.

It was a tremendous job to get the spare shaft put in position and then lower the eight-ton propellor over the stern with block and tackle, but success greeted the plucky attempt and the ship slowly steamed to Vancouver, where the Wallace Shipyard is putting the finishing touches to the job.

COAST GUARD CREW IN FIGHT FOR LIFE

Exposed to Monday Night's Gale in Open Launch for Forty Hours —Rescued by Tug

NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 26.—Eight members of the Yaquina Bay coastguard life saving crew, who battled with one of the worst storms of the year while exposed in an open launch for more than forty hours, arrived in port today after they had been assisted by a local tug which went out across the rough bar this morning with supplies for the men and fuel for the launch.

The lifesavers, who started from here late Monday to rescue Victor Webb, a crab fisherman, whose boat had been driven to sea by the oncoming storm, were unable to return to port Monday night owing to the violence of the sea.

They rode in their small craft all Christmas Day and last night lashed by the furious gales.

They managed to reach a buoy off the harbor here, where they remained all night. The tug Gogetter this morning crossed out over the bar, and shortly before noon the coastguard craft and crew were brought into port.

JUMPS INTO SEA WITH CLOTHES ON FIRE; IS SAVED

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 26.—Ablaze from head to foot in consequence of the explosion of a fuel tank on a thirty-five foot speed launch, four miles from shore, Charles Driscoll, 33, jumped into the sea and was saved from drowning only through the heroism of his brother, Jake, 31, the only other occupant of the launch. Seizing two lifebelts, Jake jumped in after his brother. Fitting one under Charles' arms, he fastened the other about his own waist and then with a knife cut his brother free of his smouldering garments.

The sea was running high, and the brothers swam desperately to get away from the motorboat, fearing a second explosion if the flames reached an emergency fuel tank.

The explosion and burst of flames were seen by coastguards and hundreds of holiday visitors along the board walk. The Federal dredge Absecon, in charge of Capt. Oalensen, was the first craft to head for the scene.

Cunarder Steered By Machine Right Across Atlantic

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Cunarder Laconia, on its recent trip, was steered all the way from New York to Liverpool by its gyroscopic "Iron Mike," without the touch of human hands. The course was seventy-five per cent straighter than it would have been set by a steersman.

CHRISTMAS DAY DID NOT EXIST FOR KOREA MARU

Doubtless thousands of poor people did not celebrate Christmas on Tuesday but, for the four hundred passengers and the crew of the Korea Maru, Christmas Day simply did not exist at all.

"Crossing 180th meridian tonight. No Christmas for us this year. Regards to all."

This was the message which flashed into the air from the key of the ship's radio operator to the Radio Corporation of America at San Francisco. A few minutes later back went the flash:

"Tough luck, old top. Happy New Year."

As the darkness of Christmas Eve fell upon the Pacific, the Korea approached the international date line, which she crossed about midnight.

Tuesday was the twenty-sixth day of November as far as the log of the Korea Maru is concerned.

December 25 was obliterated completely—but it was celebrated just the same.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

SHIP RADIO REPORTS

(By Canadian Government Wireless)
Positions at 8 P.M., Dec. 26

TOKIWA MARU, bound Victoria, 350 miles from Estevan.
EL ABETO, bound Anyox, B.C., 1,227 miles north of San Pedro.
EKNAREN, bound Eureka, 120 miles southwest of Humboldt Bar.
FLAKWELL, bound Vancouver, 780 miles from Estevan.
H. H. ASQUITH, bound Vancouver, 290 miles from Estevan.
OREGON MARU, bound Yokohama, 200 miles from Estevan.
SEA MONARCH, towing Author, bound Victoria, 102 miles from Victoria.
HALLFRIED, bound Shanghai, 6:20 p.m., 50 miles north of Columbia River.
PRINCE GEORGE arrived Prince Rupert 7:15 p.m., northbound.
GRIFFCO abeam Adams River, southbound, 3:30 p.m.
VENTURE passed in Alert Bay 3:10 p.m., northbound.

WEATHER REPORTS

6 P.M., Dec. 26

Point Grey—Cloudy; calm; 29.05; 34; sea smooth.
Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 38.11; 33; sea smooth.
Ocean Falls—Cloudy; calm; 29.21; 33; sea smooth.
Bull Harbor—Rain; southeast, light; 29.27; 35; light swell.
Dead Tree—Overcast; southeast, light; 29.51; 33; sea smooth.
Prince Rupert—Overcast; east, fresh; 29.30; 30; sea moderate.
Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.00; 30; sea smooth.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Phillis, Point Wells; Indianic, Dorothy Alexander, Tacoma; Margaret Dollar, Port Blakeley. Sailed: Dorothy Alexander, Glymont, Alabama Maru, Tacoma; J. Luckenback, San Francisco; Sachsen, Portland.
BELLINGHAM, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Phyllis, San Francisco.
TACOMA, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Dorothy Alexander, San Francisco. Sailed: Indianic, Dorothy Alexander, Seattle.
PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Annette Rolph, San Francisco; Col. E. L. Drake, Los Angeles; West Cayota, Orient. Sailed: Admiral Evans, Rose City, San Francisco; Peter Kerr, Puget Sound.

Arrived

NAGOYA, Dec. 22.—Sunland, Seattle.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Wapama, Everett; American, Philadelphia; Ipswich, Baltimore; Mauna Ali, Hilo. Sailed: Frank G. Drum, Astoria; Matsonia, Honolulu; Doris Crane, Fanning Island; Vega, Manila.

TIDES AT VICTORIA
DECEMBER

Day	Time. H. M.	H't Ft.	Time. H. M.	H't Ft.	Time. H. M.	H't Ft.	Time. H. M.	H't Ft.
1	2:01	2.9	10:00	2.6	......		......	
2	2:42	4.2	10:32	8.7	17:10	6.6	22:15	8.3
3	2:38	5.0	10:50	8.9	17:55	4.5	22:54	2.5
4	4:22	3.7	11:18	9.2	12:39	3.4	......	
5	1:22	6.9	5:29	9.2	11:47	9.5	19:22	2.4
6	2:42	7.3	9:28	9.9	12:17	9.2	20:04	1.5
7	4:00	7.7	7:31	7.4	12:40	9.9	20:40	5.2
8	5:24	2.1	2:30	7.7	12:23	9.9	21:20	8.7
9	2:32	2.4	9:22	3.0	12:58	9.7	22:13	0.7
10	7:26	2.9	19:27	3.1	14:27	9.2	22:57	1.1
11	2:06	2.7	17:30	2.1	14:42	2.2	22:42	1.7
12	2:40	2.2	12:40	7.8	16:04	8.8	......	
13	8:37	2.5	9:05	2.9	......		......	
14	1:13	2.4	9:24	9.0	......		......	
15	1:58	4.2	9:43	9.1	12:20	5.7	21:22	3.9
16	2:40	5.2	10:19	9.1	12:32	5.9	......	
17	......		......		10:40	9.2	18:21	4.3
18	......		......		11:17	9.2	19:14	2.3
19	......		......		11:47	9.1	19:39	2.3
20	......		......		12:15	9.2	20:05	2.7
21	......		......		12:28	9.2	20:32	2.2
22	......		......		12:48	9.2	21:01	1.9
23	......		......		12:48	9.2	21:33	1.7
24	......		......		12:59	9.2	22:09	1.7
25	2:22	2.4	18:28	3.2	12:27	9.0	22:42	1.8
26	8:49	8.4	11:24	2.2	14:08	2.7	23:22	2.1
27	3:10	2.4	12:25	7.9	14:57	8.3	......	
28	0:82	2.7	2:19	2.5	12:29	7.4	15:58	7.8
29	9:42	3.2	2:30	2.8	14:32	9.7	17:08	8.9
30	1:22	4.1	8:52	2.2	16:32	6.7	20:25	9.3
31	2:01	4.9	9:20	9.1	18:31	4.2	22:22	8.2

The Time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning.

The Height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower Low Water.

Esquimalt—To find the depth of water on the sill of the drydock at any tide, add 18.9 feet to the height of High Water as above given.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET
DECEMBER, 1923

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard Time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923.

	Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset
1	7:44	4:21	17	8:00	4:19
2	7:45	4:21	18	8:01	4:19
3	7:47	4:20	19	8:01	4:19
4	7:48	4:20	20	8:02	4:20
5	7:49	4:20	21	8:02	4:20
6	7:50	4:20	22	8:02	4:21
7	7:51	4:19	23	8:02	4:21
8	7:52	4:19	24	8:04	4:22
9	7:52	4:19	25	8:04	4:22
10	7:52	4:19	26	8:05	4:23
11	7:55	4:18	27	8:00	4:24
12	7:56	4:18	28	8:05	4:25
13	7:57	4:18	29	8:05	4:26
14	7:58	4:18	30	8:09	4:27
15	7:58	4:18	31	8:05	4:28
16	7:59	4:18			

The Observatory, Gonzales Heights, Victoria, B.C.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS
DECEMBER
China and Japan

President Grant—Mails close Dec. 4, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 18, Shanghai, Dec. 21, Hong Kong Dec. 25.
President Madison—Mails close Dec. 18, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Dec. 23, Shanghai Jan. 2, Hong Kong Jan. 6.
Africa Maru—Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 7.
Empress of Russia—Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe, Jan. 8, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hong Kong Jan. 16.
President McKinley—Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m. Due at Kobe Jan. 9, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hong Kong Jan. 18.
Protesilaus—Mails close Jan. 3, 9 a.m.

The Yangtze River is navigable by shallow draft steamers for nearly 1,700 miles.

AID WAS MILE AWAY AS TUG TYEE SANK

Pilot Boat Was In Close Proximity to Ill-Fated Vessel as Tugboat Foundered in Gigantic Seas of Christmas Eve's Gale—Men On Launch Unaware of Tragedy Being Enacted so Close—Neither Captain nor Mate Wished to Sail

HAD it been so ordained, three members of the crew of the Tyee, which foundered in Pedder Bay during Christmas Eve's furious gale, would be alive today, for the B.C. Pilots' boat, C.G.J., with Captain W. D. Owen and Boatman Tom Taylor aboard, could have been no farther than a mile from the scene at the very time the disaster occurred.

At 7:40 o'clock that evening the C.G.J. left her moorings at Ogden Point in search of the steamer Arator which Captain Owens was delegated to pilot up the Straits. The sea was smooth when the craft left. But, when she reached Beechey Head, the wind got up and with startling suddenness huge seas began to engulf her. Putting about, the C.G.J. ran into the gale at its fiercest, just beyond Race Rocks.

Captain Owen deciding to seek shelter at William Head, headed for the quarantine station.

In the driving sleet and the flying spume, intent on their task of navigating the C.G.J. safely through the forces of the gale, it was impossible for Captain Owen or his boatman, Taylor, to keep a lookout for anything other than the driftwood that marked her course. Thus they did not see any light in Pedder Bay, and were totally unaware of the Tyee's helpless plight when only about a mile away from her. Had they known of her predicament they might have been able to rescue her crew.

Seen at his home on Duchess Street, First Mate Alfred Warder, who, with Mr. Archie Pike, engineer, and owner of the hapless Tyee, battled his way to shore, told a thrilling tale to The Colonist.

Sea Was Smooth

"It was smooth as glass when we left Port Angeles at 6 o'clock for the return journey. I was handling the wheel while Captain Anderson rested. When we were nearing Race Rocks the wind suddenly began to get up. In no time it was blowing as hard as any wind I have ever experienced on a small boat. At 8 o'clock Captain Anderson looked in to the wheelhouse and asked, 'How's the weather?'

"'It looks bad and the glass is falling,' I replied.

"A little later it was clear that we were in a dangerous situation. I pointed out to the captain that we could not turn back but that we might make William Head.

Could Not Broach Her

"But we couldn't do it. The waves were so big that we simply had to head for Pedder Bay where, though we knew that there would be no shelter, we might have been able to broach her and head into the wind.

All this time waves were breaking right over the ship. Just when we were in the entrance to the bay a bigger one than usual came over the stern and swept down into the engine-room. I knew it was all up with us then.

"A big one hit us on the starboard quarter. The Tyee heeled over. Instead of righting herself she began to settle.

"'Come on Johnny; she's gone,' I yelled to the captain.

"'Yes, we're all gone,' he said.

"I climbed through one of the starboard windows just in time to see the lifeboat flash past on a big wave. I never saw the captain again. He couldn't have been able to get out of the pilothouse.

"How the lifeboat was launched I do not know. It must have been washed overboard. I jumped over and made for it. It was tough going, fully dressed as I was, and it took me a long time, but finally I grabbed it."

Then, Warder said, he had to fight for about twenty minutes to clamber on to the up-turned boat, for waves were sweeping over it. At last he succeeded, and, to his amazement, found Pike, Jimmy Davies, the second engineer; and Jack Atill, the cook, clinging to the other side.

"I first crawled along the top and pulled the second engineer aboard. Then we both helped the cook up. And last we yanked Pike out of the water."

With all four on top the boat began a long drift toward the land. When the boat was about twenty feet from shore a huge wave lifted it up and dashed it on the rocks. The four men lost their holds and were swept back by the waves into the deep water.

That was the last Warder saw of his three comrades. He himself, after fighting desperately to keep afloat, was hurled by a gigantic comber into a crevasse in the rocks. He hugged a log, lodged solidly in the crevasse, and, when the under-tow had ceased, climbed up to the shore above.

Fell Down

"I couldn't stand," Warder went on. "Every time I tried to walk I fell down. So I stuck my finger down my throat and brought up most of the water I had swallowed. Then I was able to get along somehow. For a long time I wandered about. Then I came upon a fence. I followed it to an open field and saw the light of Parker's ranch. I just had strength enough to reach the place."

Warder was loud in his praise of Mr. Parker, who, he said, undoubtedly saved the lives of both Pike and himself.

Fail to Find Bodies

Constables Owen and McPhail, with the tug Swell, searched the scene of the disaster yesterday but failed to find the bodies of the missing men. The scow was discovered impaled on the rocks not far from the spot where Pike and Warder reached shore.

Mrs. Anderson stated last night that her husband was regularly in command of the tug Red Fir. As a favor to her owner he had been prevailed on to take command of the Tyee last week. The fatal voyage was only his third on the unfortunate vessel. He had not wished to sail on her at all.

Captain Anderson was well known here as a result of a residence of nearly forty years. He is an old steamboat man, having taken the tug Lorne out on her first trip. For years he served with the Victoria Tugboat Company. Besides his widow he is survived by four children, Anna, Ernest, Allan and Amy.

Strange Coincidence

It is a strange coincidence that Warder, too, did not wish to sail on the Tyee. He also agreed to go as a concession to the friendship of her owner.

On Christmas Eve, twenty-one years ago, he was a member of the crew of the C.P.R. ship, Queen City, when she broke her propeller in a gale off Cape Scott. On that night he, with the other people aboard, donned lifebelts and awaited a probable death. But eventually a sail was bent to the Queen City's mast, and she was able to put into Fisherman's Cove and escape disaster.

William Davies, the second engineer, known as "Jim," was born at Cwmavon, South Wales, fifty-six years ago. He came to Victoria with his brother Evan, who is caretaker at the City Hall, thirty-five years ago. For some time he worked on a Skeena River tug, and then entered the employ of the C.P.R. His sister, Mrs. E. Rowland, lives on Salt Spring Island.

The cook, Jack Atill, is not very well known in the city. He stayed at the Strand Hotel when in port.

BIG RUM SMUGGLING PLOT IS UNCOVERED

Motor Boat Owner Has Large Sum of Money and List of Names of Prominent People

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Prohibition officials declared today they had uncovered one of the greatest rum-running conspiracies since prohibition went into effect, when they arrested Robert Graham Fothergill, an Englishman, and five others on a motor boat off Fire Island.

Fothergill had $42,000 in his possession, which, the authorities alleged, he had obtained in collections from the schooner Wrack, which, he said, sailed under lease from Nassau three weeks ago. He declared it might be loaded with liquor and a member of the fleet of seventeen schooners on rum row.

He denied, however, he had been engaged in smuggling operations or liquor dealings of any sort. He and a party of friends, he said, were on a pleasure jaunt in the motor boat when the engine stalled. Distress signals were hoisted and the coast guard cutter Seminole, cruising in the vicinity of the rum fleet, made the arrest.

Fothergill, the prohibition officials said, had lists of names of suspected bootleggers all over the country, and other documents.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are notified:

1. That owing to a break in the electric cable which operates the fog bell on Brotchie Ledge, this bell is out of commission. Repairs will be effected as soon as possible.

2. That the steel buoys at the entrance to the Fraser River will be replaced by wooden spar buoys during such time as ice is likely to run on the river.

British Columbia

(256) Juan de Fuca Strait, Swiftsure Bank Light Vessel, Radio Fog Signal to Be Established.
Date—About March 1, 1924.
Position—On the bank in 26 fathoms, 13¼ miles, 309 degs. 30 mins. from Cape Flattery lighthouse. Latitude 48 degs. 31 mins. 50 secs., longitude W. 124 degs. 59 mins. 30 secs.
Radio fog signal—The vessel will transmit continuously during thick or foggy weather signals consisting of a series of two dashes for 35 seconds, silent 25 seconds, on 300 K.C. (1,000 meter wave).
(257) Juan de Fuca Strait, Victoria Harbor Entrance, Ogden Point Breakwater, Color of Light to Be Changed.
Date—On or about February 1, 1924.
Position—On outer end of breakwater. Latitude N. 48 degs. 42 mins. 48 secs., longitude W. 123 degs. 23 mins. 37 secs.
The occulting white light will be replaced by an occulting red light.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are hereby notified that the following lights, reported not burning on the 18th inst., have been attended to and are now burning brightly:

Comox Bar; Goose Spit; Cyril Rock.

A. W. R. WILBY,
Agent of Marine.

Shipping Calendar

To Arrive

Author, from Liverpool, Dec. 27.
R.M.S. Makura, from Sydney, Dec. 29.
Tokiwa Maru, from Yokohama, Dec. 31.
President Jackson, from Yokohama, Dec. 31.
Empress of Australia, from Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Achilles, from Yokohama, Jan. 9.
Colonial, from Liverpool, Jan. 20.
Arabia Maru, from Yokohama, Jan. 9.
Spectator, from Liverpool, Jan. 30.
Manila Maru, from Yokohama, Feb. 1.
Niagara, from Sydney, Feb. 2.

To Sail

Kaga Maru, for Japan, Dec. 27.
Kakata Maru, for Orient, Dec. 29.
Empress of Russia, for Yokohama, Dec. 27.
President McKinley, for Orient, Dec. 22.
Shizuoka Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 2.
Alabama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 3.
Empress of Australia, for Yokohama, Jan. 10.
Author, for Liverpool, Jan. 18.
Yokohama Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 23.
Arabia Maru, for Yokohama, Jan. 24.

MAN DROWNS WHEN SKIFF CAPSIZES

TACOMA, Dec. 26.—When a skiff in which they were riding overturned in the city waterway, Tom Kelley, 28 years old, of Minneapolis, was drowned, and his companion, Donald Yoder, of Havre, Mont., was rescued by men from the crew of the harbor master's steamboat Vashona. Yoder declared to the police that neither he nor Kelley knew much about rowing a boat, and that they accidentally capsized it. Kelley's body has not been recovered.

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SUDDEN FIRE MAKES RUIN OF RESIDENCE

Wife and Three Children of Thomas Ross Escape With Difficulty From Flaming Building

NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—Through the exploding of a coal oil lamp, the residence of Mr. Thomas Ross, Oyster district, near Ladysmith, was completely destroyed by fire on Sunday evening. The fire spread with such rapidity that is was impossible for Mr. Ross to do anything to extinguish the blaze as it took him all of his time to get his wife and three children outside to safety. None of the contents were saved with the exception of a few articles of clothing which the family carried with them in their hurried departure from the burning building. Some insurance was carried on the property but over and above this the loss is very heavy.

COBBLE HILL CLUB TO GIVE PANTOMIME

COBBLE HILL, Dec. 26.—Much local interest is being taken in the pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty of Marzapan," which, produced by Mr. George Cheeke, is being staged by the Cobble Hill Amateur Dramatic Club towards the end of next month. The pantomime cannot fail to be a great success with the large caste of well-known favorites who have been carefully selected from the local club and from the outlying districts.

The parts of the Prince of Gorgonzola and the Princess of Marzapan are being represented by Mrs. L. W. Huntington and Miss Peggy Steine, respectively, while the roles of King and Queen of Marzapan are being taken by Mr. L. W. Huntington and Mr. Garnett, neither of whom requires any introduction to a Cowichan audience. The caste will be the largest which has ever appeared locally, and will consist of over twenty gifted performers as well as a beauty chorus which should prove to be a great drawing card. The management has no hesitation in guaranteeing some two and a half hours of laughter, sparkling wit, beautiful singing and a wonderful display of costumes, all of which will hardly fail to please the most critical. Special efforts have been made to provide suitable scenic and lighting effects. The musical arrangements are in the capable hands of Mr. W. D. Turner.

There will be a matinee for children at Cobble Hill in the afternoon, as well as an evening performance. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made to take the pantomime to Shawnigan Lake, Cowichan Station and Sidney. The dates of the various shows will be announced later.

CHURCH SERVICES

SIDNEY, Dec. 26.—The Christmas services in the Anglican churches in North Saanich Parish were largely attended. Holy Communion was given at St. Andrew's at 7:45 and 11:30 a.m., and Mattins and Holy Communion at Holy Trinity at 9:30 a.m. The churches were tastefully decorated by the ladies with evergreens, and looked very pretty.

NANAIMO WEDDING

NANAIMO, Dec. 26.—The marriage was solemnized Monday morning at St. Paul's Church by the Rev. S. Ryall, of Miss Olive Ann Anderton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, Chase River, and Mr. Albert Clifford Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Griffith, of Nanaimo. The bride was attended by Mrs. Ralph Anderton, while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. B. C. Griffith. During the signing of the register Miss Barrie sang "Because," and Mr. A. Dunsmore rendered appropriate selections on the organ.

SOOKE DISCOVERS SANTA HAS WIFE

SOOKE, Dec. 26.—The children of Sooke school held their annual Christmas concert and tree on Friday night. The programme was very successful and every number was excellent. The longest and most important item was a little play entitled "The Lost Child," which was well done, the children being perfect in word and action and speaking distinctly. Dr. Felton, as chairman, drew the attention of the audience to the improvement in the singing since the school has had a piano.

The presents were distributed from the tree by Mother Christmas, who explained that her husband was unable to come on account of an accident. It was unanimously declared that the gifts were the best ever.

After this, ice cream, coffee and cake were handed around, Mrs. Mugford and Mrs. Acerman being in charge of the kitchen. The floor was then cleared, and till nearly twelve o'clock merry games were played. A record crowd of kiddies and grown-ups were present and all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Great credit is due to the children and to the teachers, Miss McGibbon, Miss Kerr and Mr. Waddington, who worked very hard to make the evening the success it was.

CHINAMAN FINED

DUNCAN, Dec. 26.—On Friday last a local Chinaman was fined $50 and costs in the city police court for being intoxicated. This is an unusual offence for a Chinaman.

WAS IT ST. NICK THAT DID THIS?

SANTA CLAUS IN DISREPUTE AT DUNCAN NOW

Turkeys, Geese, Bacon, Beef, Chocolates and Liquor Vanish While Father Christmas Is About

DUNCAN, Dec. 26.—During the early hours of Christmas morning, burglars effected entrance into the premises of the Duncan Meat Market, the City Meat Market and the Maple Leaf confectionery shop.

From the two butcher shops a large quantity of geese, turkeys, bacon and beef, amounting in the aggregate to several hundred pounds, were taken, while the Maple Leaf lost an immense quantity of chocolates and tobacco. It is believed that a car was used to carry off the loot.

On Saturday of last week a couple of turkeys were also taken from the Duncan Fish Market, while pilfering from cars has become prevalent during the last fortnight.

A number of car owners are bemoaning the loss of liquor for their Christmas cheer, which was lost in this way on Christmas eve.

Carol Service Held By Sooke Anglicans

SOOKE, Dec. 26.—A carol service was held last Sunday evening in Holy Trinity Anglican Church. The building was prettily decorated with holly, ivy, cedar and fir boughs, and the roll of honor adorned with a wreath of laurel. Except for a few prayers and a short address the service was entirely choral. Besides carols sung by the congregation, there were several special numbers: A quartette, "'Twas In the Winter Cold," sung by Miss J. Dawson, Mr. Ellwood (of Metchosin), and Dr. and Mrs. R. Felton; the carol, "See Amid the Winter's Snow," the solo parts being taken by Miss Dawson and Mr. Ellwood; the sacred solo "Nazareth," Dr. R. Felton; and "Sleep, Holy Babe," sung as a quartette, unaccompanied. Rev. F. Comley officiated, and the church was well filled.

Next Sunday morning service will be held in Holy Trinity Church at eleven o'clock, and Christmas communion will be celebrated.

BAMFIELD NEWS

BAMFIELD, Dec. 26.—A very enjoyable dance was held last Friday night in the Pacific Cable Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nevitt. Mr. Nevitt has been transferred from the cable board here to their office in Auckland. During their stay here they have made many friends, and Mrs. Nevitt will be greatly missed in the musical circle at Bamfield, being a lovely singer, and willing at all times to give her best for any affair which took place here. Their many friends took the opportunity to wish them both good-bye and a pleasant trip.

The many friends of Mrs. P. Michelsen will be sorry to learn she is confined to bed with a bad cold and a severe attack of neuralgia.

The school closed here Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation, with the usual entertainment given by the children, in the form of carols and recitations. Quite a number of parents were present during the afternoon, when the work of the children was on exhibition, and very much admired, especially the painting. Mr. Sykes, the teacher, spoke a few words on behalf of the children. The National Anthem brought the entertainment to a close.

DEEP COVE PARTY

DEEP COVE, Dec. 26.—The Deep Cove Social Club held its weekly card party on Monday evening. The prize winners were Mrs. Patterson and Mr. Derrick, Mrs. Lorenzen and Mr. K. Sargison. Mrs. A. Calvert and Mrs. Mears were in charge of the supper arrangements. After supper carols were sung and a short dance followed.

PAINTINGS GIFTED

SIDNEY, Dec. 26.—The church of St. Elizabeth has been given a very handsome Christmas gift in the form of two fine paintings, "The Flight Into Egypt" and "The Nativity." The pictures were painted and given to the church by Mrs. Drummond Davis, who is making her home in Sidney for the present.

MINISTER'S WIFE FOULLY MURDERED

WITH HEAD BEATEN IN BODY FOUND AFTER SEVEN DAYS

Mrs. Clara Whiteside, of St. John, Is Victim of Supposed Robbery—Husband in Manitoba

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26.—Clutching an empty pocketbook in her left hand, and lying in a pool of blood in the hall of her home in East St. John, Mrs. Clara Whiteside, wife of Rev. Arthur Whiteside, now in Manitoba, was found dead here yesterday afternoon by a neighbor, who had missed the woman for seven days. Mrs. Whiteside's head had been beaten in with some blunt instrument, the cut going through the skull into the brain. The cover from a bed had been wound around the victim's head. Robbery is presumed to have been the motive.

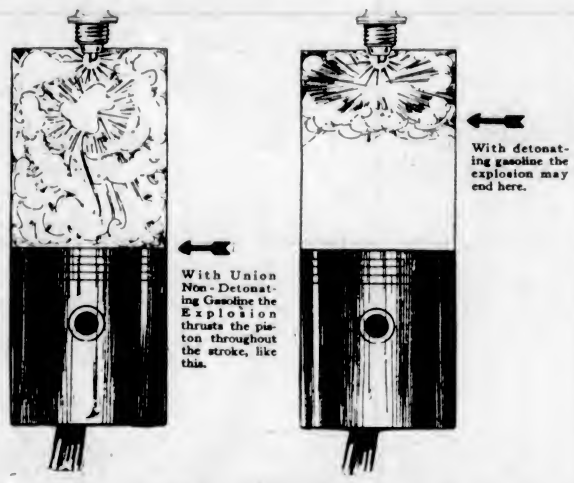
Dead Several Days

It is believed that Mrs. Whiteside had been dead for several days. A hand axe was found in the house with some hair adhering to the blade, but this hair is thought to have come from a dog that was locked in the house. The animal had torn up much of the furnishings and had gnawed at the window sills in an effort to get out.

It was other dogs destroying Christmas presents which had been left at the door of the home that first attracted the neighbors' attention to the house. Mrs. Whiteside had been fond of animals, and used to feed many stray ones that came to her door. The front door of the house was locked, but the cellar door was open.

Neighbors last saw Mrs. Whiteside on Monday, December 17, and so far as is known, no one had seen her since that time.

Australia's supply of wattle bark used for tanning has become greatly depleted.



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